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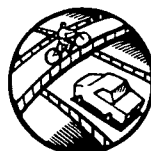
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This report (FHWA-RD-98-011) contains test data, photographs taken with high-speed film, and a summary of the test results. The test results for tests 97S003, 97S004, and 97S005 are contained in the reports *Honda Accord LX Broadside Collision with a Narrow Fixed-Object: FOIL Test Number 97S003*, *Honda Accord LX Broadside Collision with a Narrow Fixed-Object: FOIL Test Number 97S004*, and *Honda Accord LX Broadside Collision with a Narrow Fixed-Object: FOIL Test Number 97S005*.

This report will be of interest to all State departments of transportation; FHWA headquarters; region and division personnel; and highway safety researchers interested in the crashworthiness of roadside safety hardware.

  
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<b>LENGTH</b>				
in	inches	25.4	millimeters	mm
ft	feet	0.305	meters	m
yd	yards	0.914	meters	m
mi	miles	1.61	kilometers	km
<b>AREA</b>				
in <sup>2</sup>	square inches	645.2	square millimeters	mm <sup>2</sup>
ft <sup>2</sup>	square feet	0.093	square meters	m <sup>2</sup>
yd <sup>2</sup>	square yards	0.836	square meters	m <sup>2</sup>
ac	acres	0.405	hectares	ha
mi <sup>2</sup>	square miles	2.59	square kilometers	km <sup>2</sup>
<b>VOLUME</b>				
fl oz	fluid ounces	29.57	milliliters	mL
gal	gallons	3.785	liters	L
ft <sup>3</sup>	cubic feet	0.028	cubic meters	m <sup>3</sup>
yd <sup>3</sup>	cubic yards	0.765	cubic meters	m <sup>3</sup>
NOTE: Volumes greater than 1000 l shall be shown in m <sup>3</sup> .				
<b>MASS</b>				
oz	ounces	28.35	grams	g
lb	pounds	0.454	kilograms	kg
T	short tons (2000 lb)	0.907	megagrams (or "metric ton")	Mg (or "t")
<b>TEMPERATURE (exact)</b>				
°F	Fahrenheit temperature	5(F-32)/9 or (F-32)/1.8	Celsius temperature	°C
<b>ILLUMINATION</b>				
fc	foot-candles	10.76	lux	lx
fl	foot-Lamberts	3.426	candela/m <sup>2</sup>	cd/m <sup>2</sup>
<b>FORCE and PRESSURE or STRESS</b>				
lbf	pound-force	4.45	newtons	N
lb/in <sup>2</sup>	pound-force per square inch	6.89	kilopascals	kPa

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Symbol	When You Know	Multiply By	To Find	Symbol
<b>LENGTH</b>				
mm	millimeters	0.039	inches	in
m	meters	3.28	feet	ft
m	meters	1.09	yards	yd
km	kilometers	0.621	miles	mi
<b>AREA</b>				
mm <sup>2</sup>	square millimeters	0.0016	square inches	in <sup>2</sup>
m <sup>2</sup>	square meters	10.764	square feet	ft <sup>2</sup>
m <sup>2</sup>	square meters	1.195	square yards	yd <sup>2</sup>
ha	hectares	2.47	acres	ac
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometers	0.386	square miles	mi <sup>2</sup>
<b>VOLUME</b>				
mL	milliliters	0.034	fluid ounces	fl oz
L	liters	0.264	gallons	gal
m <sup>3</sup>	cubic meters	35.71	cubic feet	ft <sup>3</sup>
m <sup>3</sup>	cubic meters	1.307	cubic yards	yd <sup>3</sup>
<b>MASS</b>				
g	grams	0.035	ounces	oz
kg	kilograms	2.202	pounds	lb
Mg	megagrams (or "metric ton")	1.103	short tons (2000 lb)	T
<b>TEMPERATURE (exact)</b>				
°C	Celsius temperature	1.8C + 32	Fahrenheit temperature	°F
<b>ILLUMINATION</b>				
lx	lux	0.0929	foot-candles	fc
cd/m <sup>2</sup>	candela/m <sup>2</sup>	0.2919	foot-Lamberts	fl
<b>FORCE and PRESSURE or STRESS</b>				
N	newtons	0.225	pound-force	lbf
kPa	kilopascals	0.145	pound-force per square inch	lb/in <sup>2</sup>

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## INTRODUCTION

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) enlisted the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), specifically the Federal Outdoor Impact Laboratory (FOIL), to aid in the development of laboratory test procedures to be used in a revised or amended version of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 201 (Occupant Protection in Interior Impact).<sup>(1)</sup> The revision or amendment would include a broadside collision between a passenger vehicle and a narrow fixed-object. This new test procedure could be used in the evaluation of dynamic side impact protection systems (e.g. air bags). A series of four tests were conducted to determine the best test parameters for evaluating side impact protection systems. The four tests conducted at the FOIL were broadside collisions between 1995 Honda Accord LX four-door sedans and the FOIL's 300K rigid pole. The test speed for these tests was 29 km/h.

Steps were taken to ensure accurate, repeatable test procedures so that test facilities abroad would achieve similar results given comparable test conditions and test vehicles. The two guidance rails used for side-impact at the FOIL were extended to approximately 0.3 m from the rigid pole. This provided accuracy in the target impact location as well as repeatability of impact speed. One SIDH3 dummy was placed in the driver seat to measure occupant response data. The SIDH3 is a combination of the current side-impact dummy (SID) used in side-impact testing and the HYBRID III (H3) dummy used for frontal-impact testing.

For three tests, test numbers 97S003, 97S004, and 97S005, the vehicles were placed on the FOIL's guidance rail system with their longitudinal center lines perpendicular (90°) to the runway centerline. The fourth test (contained in this report) was conducted with the vehicle rotated 65° clockwise (from above) from head-on or parallel with the runway. During tests 97S003 and 97S004, the B-pillar interfered with the contact between the dummy and the FOIL rigid pole. The resulting head injury criteria (HIC) value was lower than acceptable limits specified by the NHTSA and thus did not show the need for side-impact protection system safety performance evaluation test procedures. The SIDH3 FMVSS 214<sup>(2)</sup> seating procedure was altered for test 97S005. The SIDH3 was positioned in the driver window to increase contact with the rigid pole. The HIC value for this test was 12 times greater than that in tests 97S003 and 97S004. However, the seating procedure was altered from the current standard. The next test conducted maintained the standard seating procedure and altered the impact crab angle of the test vehicle. This report documents procedures followed and test results from one crab angle vehicle crash test conducted in support of the FMVSS 201 amendment.

## SCOPE

This report documents the results from the fourth of four broadside crash tests between a 1995 Honda Accord LX four-door sedan and the FOIL 300K rigid pole. The test was conducted at the FHWA's Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center (TFHRC) in McLean, Virginia. The test setup and test procedures followed were similar to those followed during previously conducted tests in this test series, test numbers 97S003, 97S004, and 97S005. These tests are documented in the reports *Honda Accord LX Broadside Collision with a Narrow Fixed-Object: FOIL Test Number 97S003*,<sup>(3)</sup> *Honda Accord LX Broadside Collision with a Narrow Fixed-Object: FOIL Test Number 97S004*,<sup>(4)</sup> and *Honda Accord LX Broadside Collision with a Narrow Fixed-Object: FOIL Test Number 97S005*.<sup>(5)</sup> Tests 97S003 and 97S004 were essentially identical tests to establish the repeatability of the test procedures. The results did not support the objective of establishing laboratory test procedures for side-impact protection systems. Test 97S005 altered the seating procedures and resulted in data which supports the development of side-impact test procedures. Although altering the seating procedure produced supportive results, it remains uncertain whether such alterations are realistic and feasible. This fourth test (97S006) investigated changing the vehicle impact crab angle as an alternative to modifying the seating procedures. The FOIL and the NHTSA discussed the magnitude of the crab angle to be used for this test and after observing several options within the FOIL's capability and consistent with NHTSA's accident data, a crab angle of 65° (referenced from head-on) was chosen. This angle rotated the vehicle such that upon impact with the rigid pole, the dummy's projected trajectory was not obstructed by the vehicle B-pillar. It also allowed the rigid pole to penetrate the occupant compartment without direct contact with the B-pillar. The projected trajectory of the dummy's head was such that the head would clear the B-pillar by 40 mm.

The FOIL utilizes a drop tower system for propulsion and two steel rails bolted to a concrete runway for vehicle guidance during broadside testing. The rails were extended to within 0.3 m of the rigid pole to ensure impact location, speed, and SIDH3 stability. The concept of the vehicle remaining on the two rails raised some concern. The concern was that the rails would impede the natural collapse or crush of the vehicle and thus interfere with the accuracy of SIDH3 data. However, the intent of these tests was to develop a procedure for head protection system evaluation and it was believed that the event of interest (dummy contact with the pole) would be complete before significant crush of the vehicle. Due to the vehicle crab angle, the front wheel of the main side-impact carriage exited the mono-rail 75 mm before initial contact with the rigid pole. This raised concern about whether the vehicle would drop before contact with the rigid pole. The FOIL and the NHTSA concurred that 75 mm was not enough to cause significant vehicle drop at 29 km/h. The procedures followed for vehicle preparation,

instrumentation, dummy preparation, and dummy seating procedures are outlined in FMVSS 214.<sup>(1)</sup> The NHTSA supplied a calibrated SIDH3 dummy for the crash test. HIC and thoracic trauma index (TTI) calculations were performed on the data from the SIDH3's head and thorax accelerometers. The HIC and TTI values were used to determine the severity of the test and to compare subsequent broadside tests to evaluate the repeatability of the test procedures.

## TEST MATRIX

One broadside crash test involving a 1995 Honda Accord LX four-door sedan and the FOIL's instrumented 300K rigid pole was conducted. The target vehicle test weight was intended to be between the vehicle curb weight (empty, as received from the dealership) and the fully loaded weight. The target test speed for this test was 29 km/h. The rigid pole was installed with its centerline aligned with the center-of-gravity (cg) of the SIDH3's head. For tests 97S003, 97S004, and 97S005, the dummy head cg was a point on the side of the head based on a line projecting from the center of the head outward toward the side of the head. However, for test 97S006, the dummy was rotated 25° and therefore the cg projection moved forward on the dummy's face compared to a 90° broadside configuration. Table 1 outlines the pertinent test parameters of the broadside crash test.

Table 1. Test matrix.	
FOIL number	97S006
Date	July 14, 1997
Vehicle	1995 Honda Accord
Weight (total)	1,460 kg
SIDH3 Modified neck	One positioned in driver seat HYBRID III neck
Fuel tank	91% capacity with stoddard solvent
Crab angle (target)	65°
Speed (target)	29 km/h
Impact location	Pole aligned with SIDH3 head
Test article	FOIL 300K instrumented rigid pole

## TEST VEHICLE

The test vehicle was a 1995 Honda Accord four-door sedan with front wheel drive, an automatic transmission, and a four cylinder 2.2 L motor. Table 2 describes the vehicle and optional equipment.

Table 2. Vehicle description and statistics.					
Vehicle make			Honda		
Vehicle model			1995 Accord LX		
Vehicle identification number (VIN)			1HGCD5631SA147216		
Engine			2.2 L, 4 cylinder		
Transmission			Automatic		
Drive chain			Front wheel drive		
Wheel base			2,718 mm		
Wheel track			1,511 mm		
Fuel capacity			64 L		
Tested capacity of stoddard solvent			59 L (91%)		
Seat type			Bucket, lever		
Position of front seats for test			Center		
Seat back angle			25.2°		
Steering wheel adjustment for test			Center		
OPTIONS					
x	Air conditioning		Traction control	x	Clock
	Tinted glass		All wheel drive		Roof rack
x	Power steering	x	Cruise control	x	Console
x	Power windows	x	Rear defroster	x	Driver air bag
x	Power door locks		Sun roof/T-top	x	Passenger air bag
	Power seat(s)	x	Tachometer	x	Front disc brakes
x	Power brakes	x	Tilt steering		Rear disc brakes
	Anti-lock brakes	x	AM/FM radio		Other
WEIGHTS (kg)		DELIVERED		FULLY LOADED	
				TEST MODE	
Left front		418		435	
Right front		411		435	
Left rear		246		300	
Right rear		241		288	
TOTAL		1,316		1,458	

Table 2. Vehicle description and statistics (continued).			
ATTITUDE (mm)	DELIVERED	FULLY LOADED	TEST MODE
Left front	686	676	670
Right front	679	679	668
Left rear	697	667	662
Right rear	689	667	656
ATTITUDE (degrees)	DELIVERED	FULLY LOADED	TEST MODE
Driver	.8 down/front	.3 down/right	0
Passenger	0	0	.1 up/front
Front	.1 down/right	.2 down/front	.4 down/front
Rear	.2 up/right	.1 down/right	.1 down/right
Cg (mm) measurements	DELIVERED	FULLY LOADED	TEST MODE
Behind front axle	1,005	1,090	1,095
Lateral	750	735	750

The test vehicle was prepared for testing following procedures outlined in FMVSS 214. A NHTSA supplied OSCAR was used to determine the position of the SIDH3 for testing. The OSCAR defines a three dimensional location of the H-point (hip point) of a dummy in relation to the driver door striker. This measurement was used the morning of the test to place the dummy in the correct position.

The vehicle weight and four sill attitudes were measured in each of the three modes or configurations described in FMVSS 214. The first was the "as delivered" mode. This configuration consisted of the test vehicle as delivered from a dealership with its fuel tank filled to 92 percent capacity with petroleum naphtha, a stoddard solvent. The second mode, cargo mode, consisted of the vehicle with one dummy placed in the driver seat and 45 kg of simulated cargo placed in the trunk along the vehicle centerline. The final mode was the "as tested" mode. This configuration consisted of the vehicle fully instrumented for testing. The four sill attitude measurements, vehicle weight distribution, and other measurements are presented in table 2. The vehicle attitudes up on the guidance rails were adjusted to within 0.5° of the "test mode" measurements.

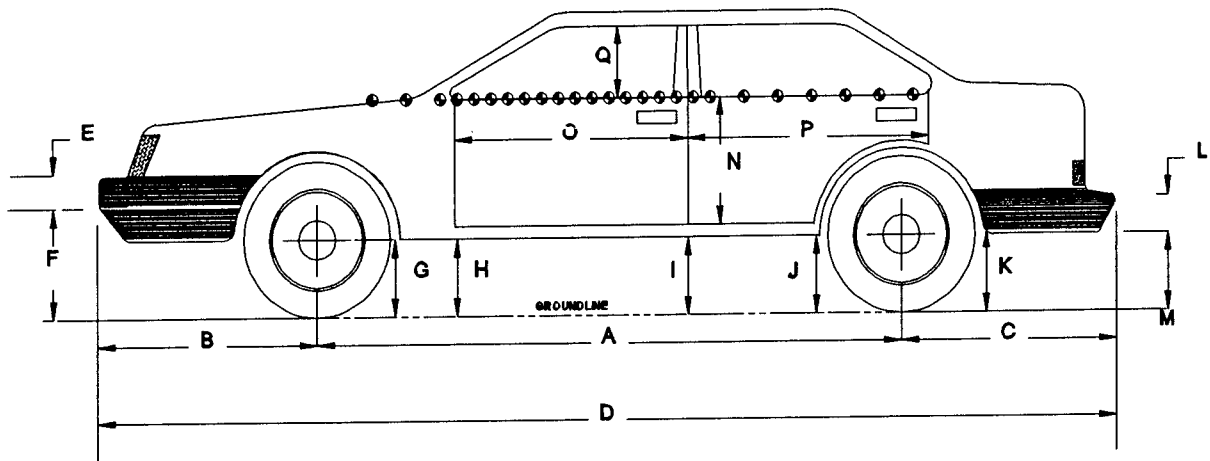
Included in the test mode configuration were the two side-impact carriages. The main monorail carriage was bolted to the test vehicle 200 mm forward of the vehicle's longitudinal cg.

The main carriage bolt pattern necessary for the proper crab angle was determined using a computer aided design (CAD) package. A scale drawing of the test vehicle was rotated to the desired angle, then the location of the carriage was determined by measuring the distance from the front wheels to the center of the monorail on each side of the vehicle. The rear outrigger carriage was bolted to the rear bumper. The side-impact carriages were constructed from aluminum and remained fastened to the vehicle throughout the test.

The fuel tank useable capacity (from Honda of America) was 64.5 L. The fuel tank was filled with 58.7 L (91 percent of capacity) of petroleum naphtha (stodard solvent) which has the same density as gasoline but is less volatile. The tank was filled to reflect a more realistic weight of a passenger vehicle on the road. The petroleum naphtha also provided a means to observe any fuel system component leakage after the test. The original lead-acid battery in a charged state remained in the engine compartment. The battery was disconnected to prevent frontal air bag deployment. The vehicle test weight, including the dummy, instrumentation, cameras, ballast, and stodard solvent was 1,460 kg. The SIDH3 weight was 80 kg.

Target tape and circular targets were placed on the test vehicle in accordance with FMVSS 214. The 25-mm yellow and black target tape was placed along the struck side of the vehicle at five elevations. The elevations included the lower door sill, the mid-door height, occupant H-point height, top-door sill, and roof sill. The target tape was used to measure pre- and post-test side profile measurements to determine vehicle damage or crush. The FOIL used a 2.5 m long by 1.4 m high peg board placed along the driver (left) side of the vehicle to measure the vehicle profile. The board's position was referenced from two points directly across from the impact location on the right side of the vehicle. This was done to ensure that the reference location would not be severely damaged. The two points were chosen directly across from impact because the least amount of bowing occurs directly across from impact. It was necessary to position the board in the same position relative to the vehicle after the crash test to obtain accurate crush measurements. The pre- and post-test profile measurements are shown in figure 7 later in this report.

A list and sketches of the vehicle's physical parameters are shown in table 2 and figure 1, respectively. Figure 1 includes post-test damage measurements.



	PRE-TEST	POST-TEST	ΔCHANGE
A	2,718	2,508	-210
B	889	889	0
C	965	1,016	51
D	4,572	4,413	-159
E	114	114	0
F*	429 / 416	286	-130
G*	286 / 260	276	16
H*	286 / 260	270	10
I*	292 / 260	298	38
J1*	295 / 264	324	60
J2*	197 / 192	206	14
K*	356 / 325	362	37
L	216	216	0
M*	394 / 375	381	6
N	679	673	-6
O	826	756	-70
P	1,241	1,092	-149
Q	457	425	-32

\* These measurements were taken in the "as delivered" and in the "as tested" configuration, respectively.

Figure 1. Vehicle physical parameters in millimeters.

## INSTRUMENTED DUMMY

One SIDH3, serial number 26, was placed in the driver seat of the Honda Accord. The SIDH3 was supplied by the NHTSA and was calibrated by a NHTSA-approved dummy calibration facility before shipment to the FOIL. The SIDH3 is a combination of the standard SID torso with the neck and head replaced with a HYBRID III dummy's neck and head. The neck bracket was removed from the SID and replaced with the neck bracket from a HYBRID III. This provided the necessary bolt pattern and alignment for a HYBRID III neck and head assembly. It was noted that the dummy's head had a slight twist about the neck. This may have been the result of the attachment between the neck and head, or between the neck and head assembly and the dummy's torso. Figure 2 is a sketch of the modifications made to the SIDH3. The dummy was shipped with the necessary hardware for assembly. Tools at the FOIL were used to assemble the SIDH3. The SIDH3 was clothed using white thermal underwear and hard sole leather shoes supplied by the NHTSA. Eighteen extension cables were supplied with the SIDH3. The extensions allowed for installation of connectors necessary for attachment to the FOIL data acquisition system without removing the standard dummy connectors. The transducers within the dummy were of the half bridge type and therefore completion resistors were soldered into the connectors at the data acquisition system interface.

The morning of the test, the SIDH3 was positioned in the driver seat in accordance with FMVSS 214. The data acquired from the OSCAR was used to place the dummy H-point at the correct location. The driver seat was set in the center position with the back rest leaning back  $25.2^{\circ}$  from the vertical. Using FMVSS 214 as a guide and alignment tools supplied by the NHTSA, the SIDH3's feet, legs, thighs, pelvis, torso, and head were positioned just before the test. Pertinent SIDH3-to-interior longitudinal and lateral clearance measurements are shown in figure 3 and figure 4. Several different color chinks were put on the side surfaces of the dummy to determine the contact points between the dummy and the vehicle's interior, as shown in table 3 below.

Table 3. SIDH3 chalk colors.	
DUMMY PART	COLOR
Face	Brown
Top of head	Orange
Left side of head	Yellow
Back of head	Red
Left hip	Red
Left shoulder	Blue



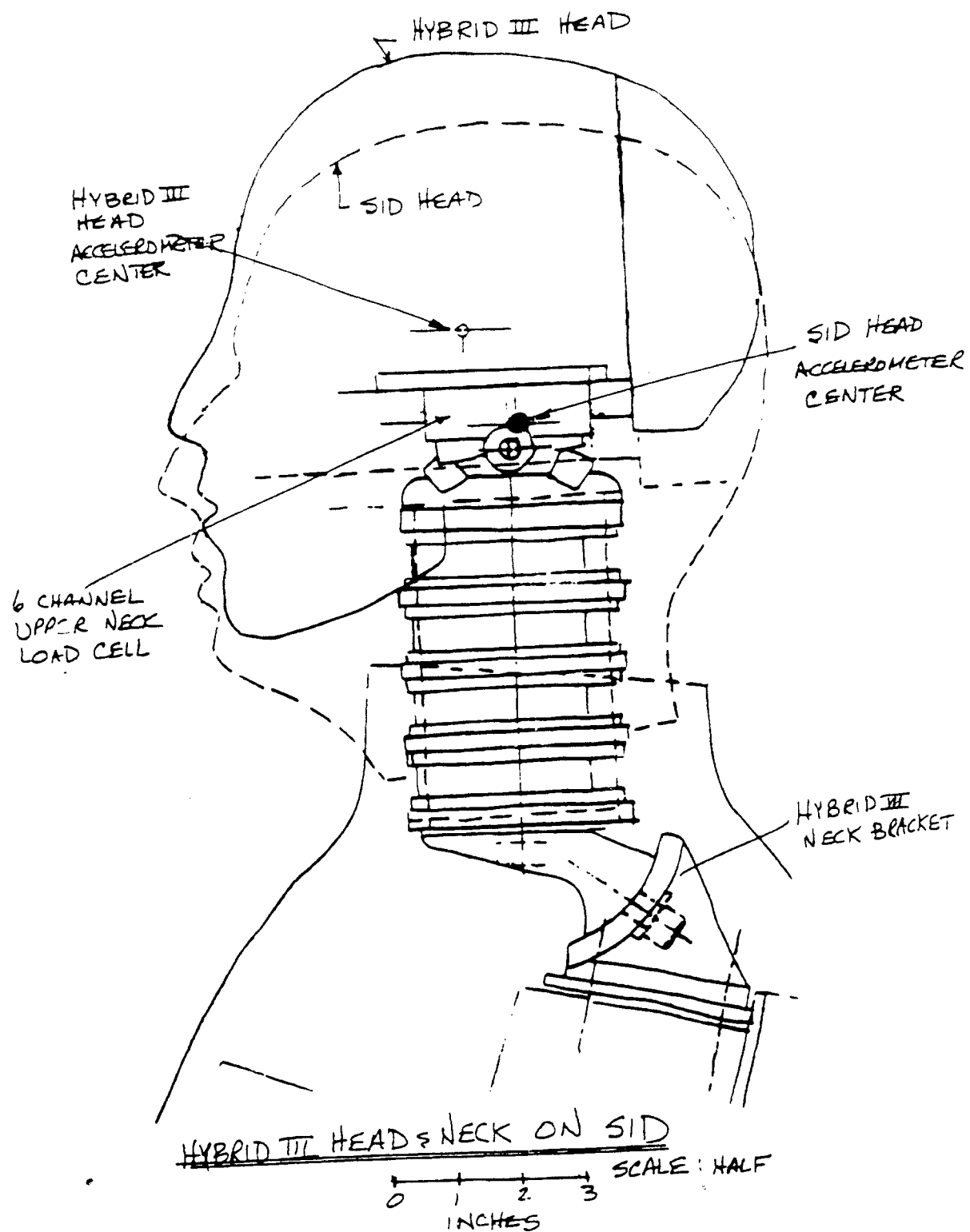
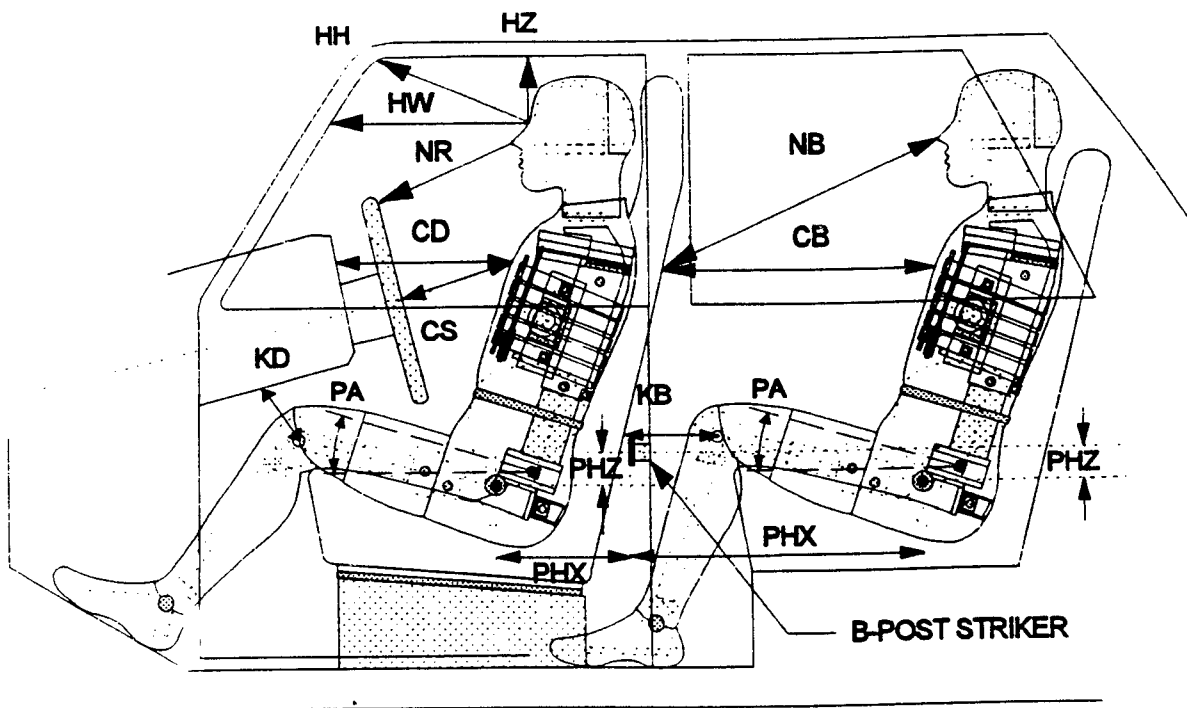


Figure 2. HYBRID III neck and head assembly on SIDH3 #26.

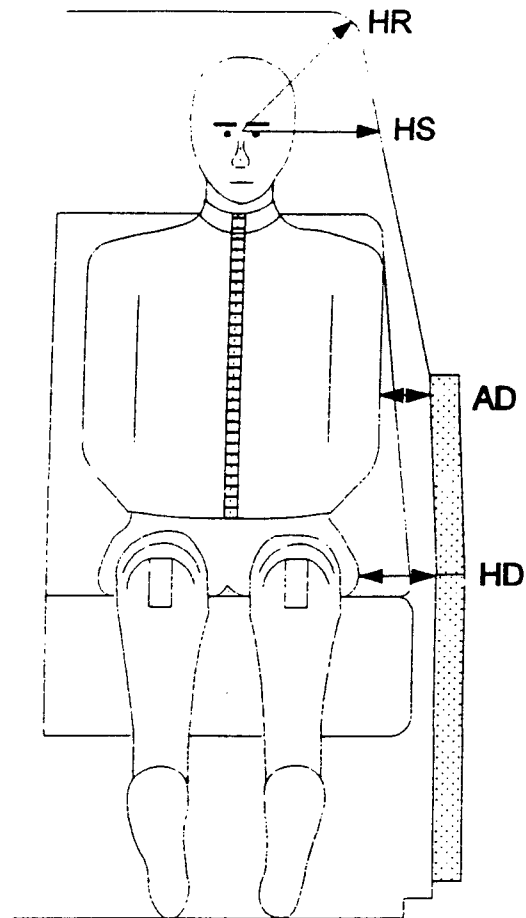


## LEFT SIDE VIEW

NOTE: 2-DOOR VEHICLE SHOWN.  
REAR DUMMY PHX & PHZ  
MEASUREMENTS FOR A 4-DOOR  
VEHICLE WOULD USE THE C-POST  
STRIKER AS A REFERENCE POINT

MEASUREMENT (mm)	DRIVER SIDH3 ID# 26
HH	400
HW	550
HZ	178
NR	520
CD	585
CS	365
KDL (KDA°)	220 (22°)
KDR (KDA°)	220 (23.1°)
PA°	23°
PHX	160
PHZ	192

Figure 3. SIDH3 longitudinal clearance and position measurements.



MEASUREMENT (mm)	DRIVER SIDH3 ID# 26
HR	220
HS	320
AD	106
HD	142

Figure 4. SIDH3 lateral clearance and position measurements.

## RIGID POLE

The FOIL instrumented 300K rigid pole was designed to measure vehicle frontal and side crush characteristics. The rigid pole was set up in the side-impact configuration. The rigid pole side-impact configuration consisted of four solid half-circle steel impact faces mounted to two load cells via two high-strength connecting rods per face (eight load cells total). The diameter of the pole impact faces was 255 mm. The load cells measured the forces exerted on the pole at each location. This provided insight into what structures on the vehicle produced the significant loads. The 300K rigid pole was mounted in line with the target impact location, aligned with the cg of the dummy's head.

A spike (e.g., sharpened welding rod) was affixed to one impact face to verify the impact location by physically puncturing the vehicle body. Figure 5 is a sketch of the FOIL 300K rigid pole (side-impact configuration).

## INSTRUMENTATION

Electronic data from the crash test was recorded via two data acquisition systems, the FOIL umbilical cable system and the FOIL onboard data acquisition system (ODAS). A total of 39 channels of electronic data were recorded. The umbilical cable system recorded 13 data channels and the remaining 26 data channels were recorded by the ODAS system. In addition to electronic data, high-speed cameras were used to record the test on film which was analyzed to acquire pertinent test data. The following is a summary of the electronic data collected:

### Vehicle instrumentation.

• Cg triaxial accelerometer ( $A_x, A_y, A_z$ )	3 channels
• Cg redundant accelerometer for $A_y$	1 channel
• Biaxial accelerometer, Engine ( $A, A_y$ )	2 channels
• Biaxial accelerometer, Trunk ( $A_x, A_y$ )	2 channels
• An accelerometer on driver seat ( $A_y$ )	1 channel
• Cg triaxial rate sensor (pitch, roll, yaw)	3 channels

### SIDH3 instrumentation.

• Triaxial accelerometer dummy head ( $A_x, A_y, A_z$ )	3 channels
• Four dummy rib accelerometers ( $A_y$ )	4 channels
• Two dummy T12 spine accelerometers ( $A_y$ )	2 channels
• One dummy pelvis accelerometer ( $A_y$ )	1 channel
• Six dummy neck sensors ( $F_x, F_y, F_z, M_x, M_y, M_z$ )	6 channels

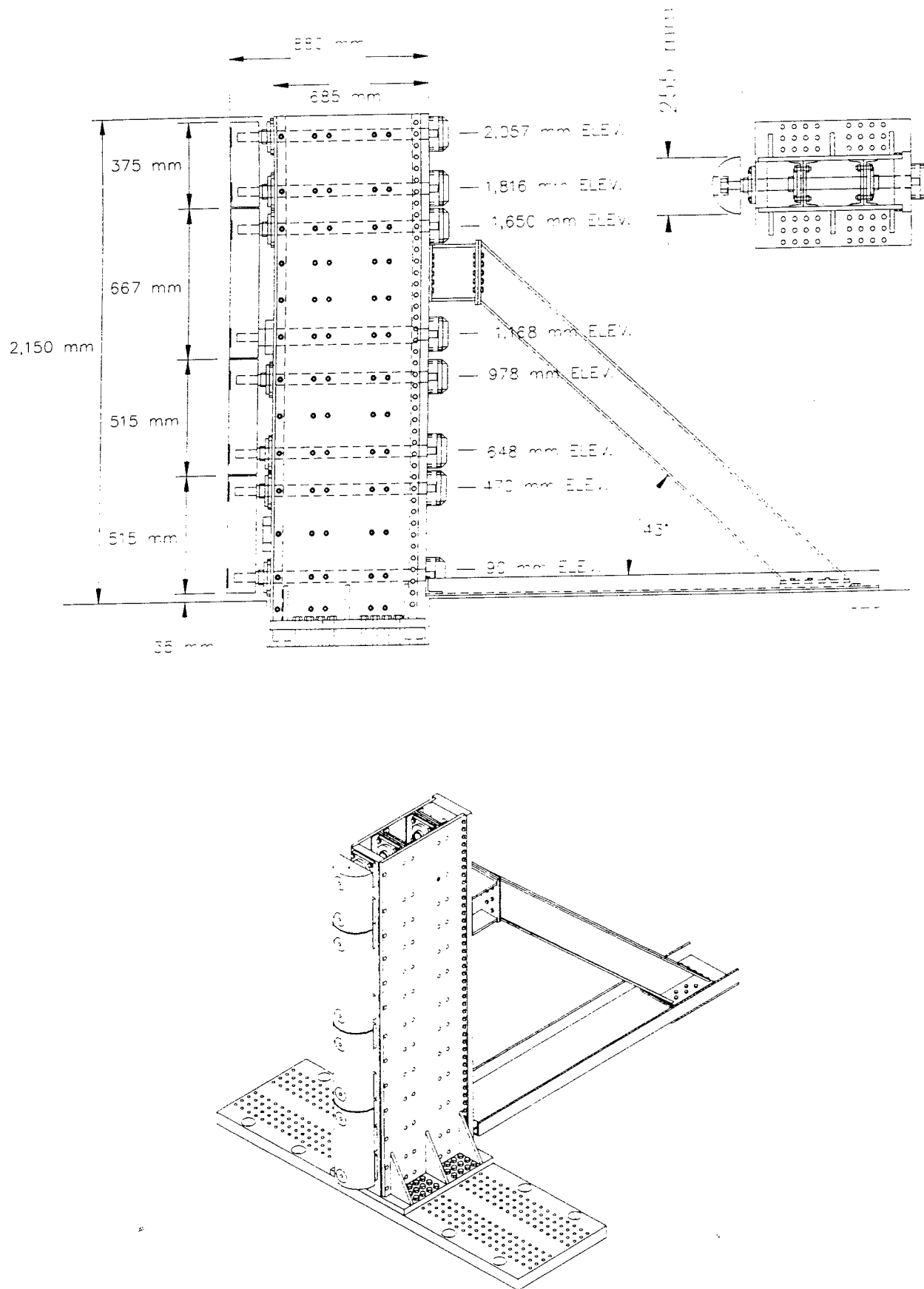


Figure 5. FOIL 300K instrumented rigid pole.

#### Rigid pole instrumentation.

- Eight rigid pole load cell channels ( $F_y$ ) 8 channels

#### Miscellaneous.

- Impact and speed trap switches 2 channels
- 1 kHz timing signal for analog tape 1 channel

Table 4 provides specific channel assignments. The first 26 channels were ODAS channels including the 16 SIDH3 channels (shaded entries). The remaining channels were recorded via the umbilical cable tape recorder system.

Two methods for mounting accelerometers were used to affix the sensors to the test vehicle. The accelerometers were supplied with two small machine screws and a small 12-mm aluminum block. The first method used the accelerometer screws to mount the accelerometer to a small 25-mm<sup>2</sup>, 6-mm thick steel plate which was mounted to the vehicle using self-tapping sheet metal screws. This method was employed for the driver seat accelerometer. The second method used the aluminum block screwed to the small square-steel plate, which was welded to a larger, thicker plate. The larger plate was fastened to the vehicle using large self-tapping screws. This method was used for the accelerometers affixed to the engine block and in the trunk.

#### Onboard data acquisition system (ODAS)

The ODAS system collected 26 channels of data. The data was from cg, engine, driver seat, and trunk accelerometers, three rate transducers and 16 SIDH3 channels. The output from the sensors were pre-filtered, digitally sampled, and digitally stored within the ODAS units mounted directly to the test vehicle inside the occupant compartment. The ODAS units are factory set with a 4000 Hz analog pre-filter and a digital sampling rate of 12,500 Hz.

#### Tape recorder-umbilical

The FOIL umbilical cable system utilizes a 90-m cable between the vehicle transducers, rigid pole load cells, or other sensors and a rack of 10 signal conditioning amplifiers. The output from the amplifiers was recorded on 25-mm magnetic tape via a Honeywell 5600E tape recorder. After the test, the tape was played back through anti-aliasing filters then input to a data translation analog-to-digital converter (ADC). The sample rate was set to 5,000 Hz. The system recorded outputs from the eight rigid pole load cells, two cg accelerometers, the monorail speed trap, and an impact contact switch to electronically mark first contact between the vehicle and rigid pole. The speed trap signals and the impact contact switch were not conditioned before being recorded.

The speed trap consisted of a single micro switch mounted to the monorail 4.2 m from the rigid pole. The wheels from the main side-impact carriage trip the switch as the vehicle passes over the speed trap. The distance between the two main carriage wheels is 1,015 mm.

Table 4. Summary of instrumentation.			
ODAS III onboard data system			
Reference & Channel	Transducer	Max. range	Data description
1	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Head, X-axis
2	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Head, Y-axis
3	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Head, Z-axis
4	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Upper rib, Y-axis (P)
5	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Upper rib, Y-axis (R)
6	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Lower rib, Y-axis (P)
7	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Lower rib, Y-axis (R)
8	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Lower spine, Y-axis, T12 (P)
9	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Lower spine, Y-axis, T12 (R)
10	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Pelvis, Y-axis
11	Load cell	9000 N	Neck force, X-axis
12	Load cell	9000 N	Neck force, Y-axis
13	Load cell	9000 N	Neck force, Z-axis
14	Load cell	282 N·m	Neck moment, X moment
15	Load cell	282 N·m	Neck moment, Y moment
16	Accelerometer	100 g's	Z-axis, cg data
17	Accelerometer	100 g's	Y-axis, cg data
18	Rate transducer	500 deg/s	Pitch rate, cg
19	Rate transducer	500 deg/s	Roll rate, cg
20	Rate transducer	500 deg/s	Yaw rate, cg
21	Accelerometer	2000 g's	X-axis, engine block
22	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Y-axis, engine block
23	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Driver seat track

Table 4. Summary of instrumentation (continued).			
24	Load cell	340 N·m	Neck moment, Z moment
25	Accelerometer	2000 g's	X-axis, in trunk
26	Accelerometer	2000 g's	Y-axis, in trunk
Umbilical cable, tape recorder system.			
1	Accelerometer	100 g's	Cg, X-axis
2	Accelerometer	100 g's	Cg, Y-axis
3	Load Cell	111 kN	Bottom face, lower load cell
4	Load Cell	222 kN	Bottom face, upper load cell
5	Load Cell	222 kN	Lower middle face, lower load cell
6	Load Cell	222 kN	Lower middle face, upper load cell
7	Load Cell	222 kN	Upper middle face, lower load cell
8	Load Cell	222 kN	Upper middle face, upper load cell
9	Load Cell	111 kN	Top face, lower load cell
10	Load Cell	111 kN	Top face, upper load cell
11	Contact switch	1.5 Volts	Time of impact, T0
12	Micro switch	1.5 Volts	Mono-rail speed trap
13	Generator	1.5 Volts	1 kHz reference signal

### High-speed photography

A total of seven high-speed cameras were used to record the side-impact collision. All high-speed cameras were loaded with Kodak color-daylight film 2253. The cameras operated at 500 frames per second and were positioned for best viewing of the contact between the Honda Accord and the 300K rigid pole. Three 35-mm still cameras and one 16-mm real-time telecine camera were used to document the pre- and post-crash environment. Table 5 lists each camera and lens used and the three-dimensional location of the camera lens. The three-dimensional coordinates were measured from the ground underneath the center of the semicircular impact faces of the rigid pole (origin) to the



camera lenses. The camera numbers in table 5 are shown in figure 6. The interior of the driver door was painted flat white for better onboard camera image quality.

Table 5. Camera configuration and placement.				
Camera Number	Type	Film speed (frames/s)	Lens (mm)	Orientation/ Location (m)
1	LOCAM II	500	100	90° to impact right side (17.0, 0.30, 1.9)
2	LOCAM II	500	100	90° to impact right side (16.4, 0, 0.91)
3	LOCAM II	500	50	45° oblique right side (7.9, 12.1, 0.99)
4	LOCAM II	500	50	45° left side (8.5, 10.2, 1.0)
5	LOCAM II	500	100	90° to impact left side (14.9, 0, 0.91)
6	LOCAM II	500	12.5	overhead, over rigid pole (0, 0, 6.7)
7	LOCAM II	500	5.7	on-board passenger window
8	BOLEX	24	zoom	documentary
9	CANON A-1 (prints)	still	zoom	documentary
10	CANON A-1 (slides)	still	zoom	documentary

Black and yellow circular targets, and black and yellow target tape 25-mm wide, were placed on the Honda Accord and rigid pole for film-data collection purposes. Circular targets and target tape were placed on the vehicle for certain vehicle measurements and for film analysis. The 25-mm tape was placed on the driver side of the vehicle at five levels or elevations referenced from the ground. The levels included:

- LEVEL 1 -- Axle centerline or lower door sill top height.
- LEVEL 2 -- Occupant H-point height.
- LEVEL 3 -- Mid-door height.
- LEVEL 4 -- Window sill height.
- LEVEL 5 -- Top of window height on roof rail.

In addition, target tape was placed vertically on the driver side of the vehicle coincident with the pole impact location. Target tape was also placed on top of the vehicle in the following locations:

- Along the longitudinal centerline the full length of the vehicle, excluding windows.
- Laterally across the roof perpendicular to the centerline tape and coincident with the rigid pole impact location.
- Laterally across the roof perpendicular to the centerline tape and coincident with the vehicle B-pillar.

Target tape was placed laterally on the front and rear bumpers in the YZ plane. Two vertical strips were placed on the rigid pole adjacent to and just rearward of the circular impact faces.

Black and yellow circular targets 100 mm in diameter were placed at various locations on the test vehicle for film data collection purposes. The targets were placed in the following locations:

- Driver door to denote the vehicle longitudinal cg.
- Driver door to denote the dummy H-point.
- The roof to denote the vehicle's longitudinal and later cg location.
- Two targets on the roof aligned with the vehicle longitudinal centerline 760 mm apart centered on the rigid pole centerline.
- Two targets aligned with the B-pillar centerline 610 mm apart centered on the vehicle's longitudinal centerline.
- Two targets on the hood aligned with the vehicle's longitudinal centerline 610 mm apart.
- Two targets on the trunk aligned with the vehicle's longitudinal centerline 255 mm apart.
- Two targets were placed on the front and back side of a vertical sheet metal stanchion fixed to the roof rearward of the B-pillar, centered on the longitudinal centerline and 610 mm apart.
- One target on top of the rigid pole's top semicircular impact face.
- Two targets on the front and rear bumper (YZ plane) 610 mm apart centered on the longitudinal centerline.

Figure 6 presents a side view of the test vehicle, showing the target tape locations. Figure 6 also contains an overhead sketch of the facility depicting the setup of the vehicle, rigid pole, test track, and the location of each high-speed camera. Positioned in each camera's view was at least one strobe light. The lights flashed when the vehicle struck the pole. This synchronized the film with the electronic data.

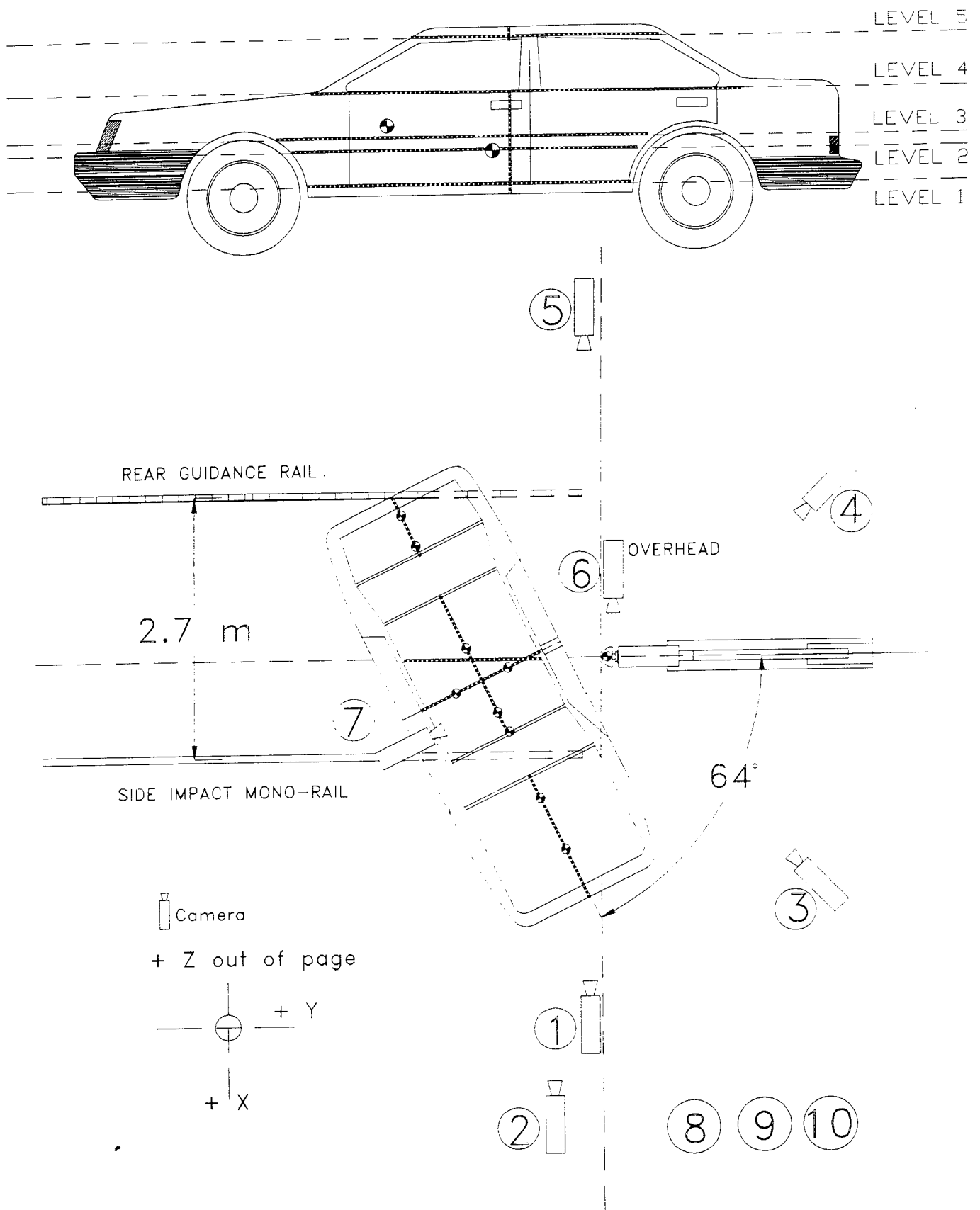


Figure 6. Camera locations and test setup.

## DATA ANALYSIS

Two data acquisition systems, the ODAS system and the umbilical cable system, along with high-speed cameras were used to record the data during the side-impact crash test.

ODAS system. The data from the ODAS system included 16 channels of SIDH3 data, seven localized accelerometer channels, and three rate transducer channels. The data was filtered and digitally stored within the ODAS unit during the test. The filter was factory set at 4,000 Hz. The ADC sampling rate was factory set at 12,500 Hz. After the test, the data was downloaded to a portable computer for analysis. The data was converted to the ASCII format, zero-bias removed, and digitally filtered at 1,650 Hz (Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) class 1000). Rib, spine, and pelvic data were filtered a second time using a NHTSA-supplied FIR100 filter. The class-1000 data was input into a spreadsheet for plotting. The resultant head acceleration was calculated via a spreadsheet containing the data from the triaxial accelerometer inside the SIDH3's head. The resultant acceleration data file was fed into a HIC algorithm to compute the HIC value for the crash test. The TTI was calculated from the FIR100 filtered rib and spine (T12) data. The following formula was used to compute the TTI:

$$TTI = [\text{Maximum}(4 \text{ rib channels}) + \text{Maximum}(\text{spine})] \div 2$$

Umbilical cable. Data collected via the umbilical cable tape recorder system was played back through an analog filter set at 1000 Hz. The signal was then input to a data translation ADC. The data included eight load cell channels, two accelerometer channels (located at the cg), an impact switch, and a monorail speed trap signal. The sample rate was set to 5,000 Hz. The digital data was converted to the ASCII format, zero-bias removed and digitally filtered to 1,650 Hz (SAE class 1000). The filtered data was input into a spreadsheet for plotting. The total force exerted on the rigid pole was computed by adding all eight load cell data signals and reading a peak from the combined force-time history.

Two square wave pulses from the lone monorail micro switch were recorded on analog tape during the crash test. The time between pulses was determined and the speed was calculated by dividing the wheel spacing (1,015 mm) by the time between micro switch pulses.

High-speed film. The high-speed 16-mm film was analyzed via an NAC 160-F film motion analysis system in conjunction with an IBM PC-AT. The overhead and one 90° camera were used to acquire pertinent test data. The analyzer reduced the test film frame by frame to cartesian coordinates which were input into a spreadsheet for analysis. Using the coordinate data and the known speed of the cameras, a displacement-time history was produced. Differentiation of the displacement-time history

produced the initial vehicle speed. Data measurements included initial vehicle impact speed, roll angle, yaw angle, and pitch angle.

## RESULTS

The Honda Accord was raised and placed on the FOIL side-impact monorail the morning of the test. The vehicle was set on the rail at an angle of 64° (from parallel with the runway). The SIDH3 was positioned in the driver seat in accordance with FMVSS 214 and the previously determined H-point data. The SIDH3 was restrained using the vehicle's shoulder-lap belt system. The dummy's head cg projection was aligned with the rigid pole centerline. The head-to-B-pillar clearance at the head cg elevation was 40 mm. The rigid pole was aligned such that there would be no direct contact with the B-pillar. At the base of the B-pillar (the widest point) the clearance between the rigid pole and the B-pillar was 20 mm. Prior to testing, the following was checked: the emergency brake was placed in the engaged position, the windows were down, the transmission was placed in neutral, and the key was turned to the "on" position. The Honda Accord passed over the monorail speed trap which measured a speed of 29.5 km/h. The high-speed film verified an initial yaw angle of 64°. Table 6 summarizes the test conditions and selected results.

Table 6. Summary of test conditions and results.	
FOIL test number	97S006
Date of test	July 14, 1997
Test vehicle	1995 Honda Accord LX, 4-door sedan
Vehicle weight	1,420 kg
Test article	FOIL instrumented 300K rigid pole
Temperature inside vehicle	27.2°C
Impact speed: speed trap	29.5 km/h
16-mm Film	29.3 km/h
Impact point (mm)	305 behind vehicle cg
Traffic accident data (TAD)	11-LP-7
Vehicle damage index (VDI)	11LPAN5
Head Injury Criteria (HIC)	
Limit	1000 g's

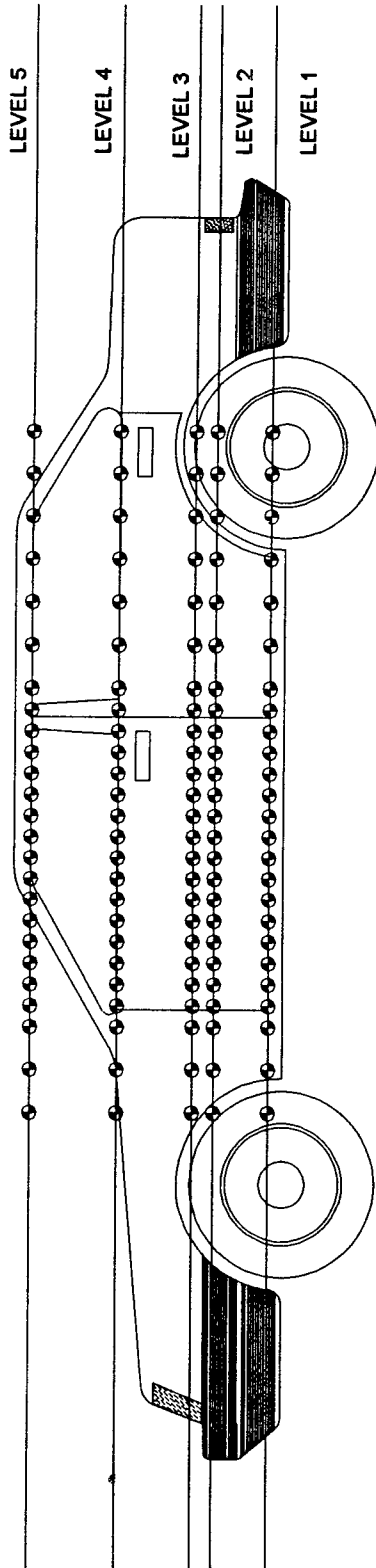
Table 6. Summary of test conditions (continued).	
Observed	295 g's
Start time	0.07016 s
Stop time	0.07280 s
Interval time	0.00264 s
Thoracic trauma data	
Limit (4-door)	85 g's
Peak rib acceleration (FIR100)	70.5 g's
T12 spine (FIR100)	60.1 g's
Thoracic Trauma Index (TTI)	65.3 g's

Vehicle response. The sharpened rod attached to the rigid pole punctured the vehicle on the vertical target tape, denoting the intended target location. The puncture verified that the intended impact location was the first point of contact. The front door had fully collapsed by 0.020 s. The front and rear doors and the B-pillar were pushed into the occupant compartment. The rigid pole penetrated the occupant compartment and struck the driver seat, pushing the seat (at 0.038 s) rapidly to the right-rear of the vehicle and dumping the SIDH3 rearward. The buckling motion of the B-pillar was inward with a slight forward component. The B-pillar was pulled forward toward the rigid pole at 0.050 s. Double integration of the cg acceleration-time history and the total rigid pole force-time history yielded a maximum dynamic intrusion of 720 mm and 700 mm, respectively. The driver seat collapsed and pinched the dummy's lower torso in the seat. The seat was pushed into and leaning behind the passenger seat. The impact location was 380 mm behind the vehicle cg. The lever arm and the initial yaw angle of 64° induced a yaw into the vehicle after the peak load was reached. Integration of the yaw rate transducer positioned under the dash panel on the floor tunnel at the longitudinal and lateral cg produced a maximum yaw angle of 40°. The vehicle rebounded away from the pole as it continued to yaw counterclockwise (as seen from above). Contact between the main carriage and monorail and the right rear tire and the monorail impeded the vehicle motion, limiting the yaw and rebound. The four-door latches remained latched during the collision. No evidence of fuel leakage or fuel system component damage was observed. The driver air bag did not deploy during the test. The peak cg acceleration was determined to be 23.1 g's (322 kN) and occurred 0.062 s after impact. Table 7 lists the vehicle accelerometers and their three dimensional coordinate location referenced from the right front wheel hub. The right front wheel hub was 290 mm above ground (not on guidance rails). Included in the table are peak accelerations from each accelerometer.

Table 7. Vehicle sensor locations and peak measurements.				
Sensor	X (mm)	Y (mm)	Z (mm)	Peak g's
Cg accelerometer A <sub>x</sub>	-1,005	710	125	-6.6
Cg accelerometer A <sub>y</sub>	-1,005	710	125	-23.1
Cg accelerometer A <sub>z</sub>	-1,005	710	125	-5.0
Cg redundant A <sub>y</sub>	-1,005	710	125	-20.3
Engine block A <sub>x</sub>	180	880	485	-8.3
Engine block A <sub>y</sub>	180	880	485	-10.0
Trunk A <sub>x</sub>	-3,490	830	25	-15.6
Trunk A <sub>y</sub>	-3,490	830	25	-29.6
Driver seat A <sub>y</sub>	-1,500	135	25	-185.5

After the test a damage profile of the vehicle was produced. Figure 7 depicts the driver-side profile measurements before and after the test. The measurements were made using a reference line parallel to the driver side of the vehicle. The parallel line was drawn a certain distance from and perpendicular to a line formed by the passenger side sill across from the impact location. This allowed the same reference line to be drawn after the test to measure the post-test measurements. The measurements were made in 75-mm and 150-mm increments forward and aft of the impact point. After the test, measurements were taken at the same points forward and aft rather than measuring at the same increments. From the figure, the maximum static deflection recorded was 450 mm at the mid-door height, 125 mm rearward from the vertical impact target tape.

Data plots of the data from transducers mounted to the test vehicle are presented in appendix A. The data plots are Class 1000 data, with no correction made for the 64° crab angle. Photographs taken from high-speed film during impact and photographs of the pre- and post-test environment are presented in appendix C.



Level 1 - Sill height Level 2 - Occupant H-point Level 3 - Mid-door Level 4 - Window sill Level 5 - Window top

		Distance from impact point (mm).													
LEVEL	HEIGHT	-1219	-1067	-914	-762	-610	-533	-457	-381	-305	-229	-152	-76	0	
1	279	PRE	629	622	622	616	616	613	610	603	603	597	597	597	
	298	POST	530	581	645	714	784	819	860	918	968	994	984	940	
		CRUSH	-99	-41	23	92	168	203	247	308	365	391	387	343	
2	422	PRE	584	578	578	578	578	575	575	572	572	568	565	562	
	457	POST	489	556	638	718	806	848	886	937	978	1010	994	946	
		CRUSH	-95	-22	60	140	228	270	311	362	406	438	426	381	
3	575	PRE	584	578	578	578	578	575	575	572	572	568	565	562	
	603	POST	470	559	648	711	743	873	914	959	1000	1019	1016	965	
		CRUSH	-114	-19	70	133	165	295	339	384	428	447	448	400	
4	867	PRE	641	641	641	635	635	635	635	637	637	641	641	641	
	927	POST	524	559	629	721	813	864	911	959	997	1026	1035	1054	
		CRUSH	-117	-82	-12	86	178	229	276	324	360	389	394	413	
5	1372	PRE						908	902	899	895	895	895	895	
	1403	POST						927	953	987	1019	1054	1081	1086	
		CRUSH	0	0	0	0	0	19	51	88	124	159	186	191	

All units of measurement are in mm.

Figure 7. Vehicle profile measurements, test 97S0006.



Distance from impact point (mm).														
LEVEL	HEIGHT	76	152	229	305	381	457	533	610	762	914	1067	1219	
1														
	PRE	597	597	597	597	597	597	597	597					
	POST	845	803	762	724	686	660	622	591					
	CRUSH	248	206	165	127	89	63	25	-6	0	0	0	0	0
2														
	PRE	562	560	560	559	559	559	559	559					
	POST	851	813	762	727	699	664	625	584					
	CRUSH	289	253	202	168	140	105	66	25	0	0	0	0	0
3														
	PRE	562	560	560	559	559	559	559	559					
	POST	860	829	791	760	727	692	654	606					
	CRUSH	298	269	231	201	168	133	95	47	0	0	0	0	0
4														
	PRE	641	641	641	641	641	641	641	635	635	638	648	657	
	POST	978	933	889	848	822	800	776	756	721	724	746	765	
	CRUSH	337	292	248	207	181	159	135	121	86	86	98	108	0
5														
	PRE	892	892	889	889	883	883	879	879					
	POST	1054	1038	1019	1003	978	965	940	972					
	CRUSH	162	146	130	114	95	82	61	93	0	0	0	0	0
All units of measurement are in mm.														

Figure 7. Vehicle profile measurements (continued).

Occupant response. The SIDH3 remained vertical in the driver seat with only minor vibration induced by the tow and guidance system. The first contact occurred 0.028 s after impact and was between the door and the SIDH3's shoulder region. The penetration by the rigid pole caused the driver seat to move from underneath the SIDH3 and the B-pillar to be drawn toward the SIDH3. Approximately the back 50 mm of the SIDH3's head struck the B-pillar at 0.050 s. This prevented significant head protrusion from the window. The head rotated about the Y and Z axes, and the head made contact with the pole at 0.0645 s. The neck Z-moment load cell verified this event. The rotation away from the pole and energy absorption of the B-pillar did not allow significant contact between the SIDH3's head and the rigid pole. After the test, no physical damage to the SIDH3 was observed. The dummy was wedged between the door and the emergency brake handle. The dummy's final position was slumped over, leaning toward the passenger seat while his lower torso remained wedged in the driver seat. The SIDH3's right knee was pinned under the steering column, indicating counterclockwise rotation of the dummy. Yellow and red chalk was found on the upper seat belt anchor and B-pillar, indicating contact by the left side and rear of the SIDH3's head. Orange chalk was found on the rigid pole which indicated contact by the top of the dummy's head. The dummy's neck rotated about the Z and Y axes, placing the top portion of the dummy's head in contact with the pole. Blue chalk from the dummy's side was on the B-pillar and door as expected. Red chalk from the dummy's femur and leg was found on the driver door.

The rib and spine acceleration data produced a TTI of 65.3 g's. This is below the four-door sedan limit of 85 g's specified in FMVSS 214. The three head accelerometers produced a HIC value of 295 g's. This value is below the 1000 g's required by FMVSS 214. Table 8 summarizes the data collected from the SIDH3.

Table 8. Summary of SIDH3 data.		
Recorded Data	Maximum positive (g's)	Maximum negative (g's)
Head X-axis acceleration	104.2	-5.9
Head Y-axis acceleration	9.3	-85.2
Head Z-axis acceleration	24.1	-155.1
X-axis neck force load cell (N)	126.1	-704.6
Y-axis neck force load cell (N)	375.5	-816.3

Table 8. Summary of SIDH3 data (continued).		
Z-axis neck force load cell (N)	1840.0	-1477.6
X-axis neck moment load cell (1000 mm·N)	41.4	-63.6
Y-axis neck moment load cell (1000 mm·N)	15.5	-15.4
Z-axis neck moment load cell (1000 mm·N)	13.3	-36.0
Left upper rib acceleration (P)	22.1	-69.0
Left upper rib acceleration (R)	22.6	-70.5
Left lower rib acceleration (P)	21.0	-53.2
Left lower rib acceleration (R)	20.6	-55.5
Spine T12 Y acceleration (P)	25.7	-60.1
Spine T12 Y acceleration (R)	24.1	-59.2
Pelvis Y acceleration	16.3	-38.5
Shaded area data is SAE class 1000. Remaining data obtained from FIR100 filter output.		

The values from the head accelerometers and the neck load cells were taken from class 1000 data while the remainder are from data filtered using a FIR100 filter. Data plots from the SIDH3 transducers are presented in appendix B. All data plots are of class 1000 data.

Rigid pole. The load cells measured eight separate forces on the rigid pole. The total load from summing the eight load cells was 104,600 N. The significant loads were contributed by the roof-rail, floor-sill, and middle-point of the driver door. Table 9 summarizes the load cell data. The high-speed film revealed that the roof sill did not contact the top impact face of the rigid pole. The signals from the top two load cells may not be reliable. It was not clear what phenomena caused the signals, which are presented in this report. Exclusion of the data from the top two load cells yields a peak rigid pole force of 104,450 N at 0.0548 s. The signals from the top two load cells did not affect the overall force-time history during the main collision event. The peaks recorded from the top two load cells occur later (0.300 s) relative to peaks recorded from other

sensors. The anomalies did contaminate the rigid pole data. Data plots from the rigid pole load cells are presented in appendix D.

Table 9. Summary of rigid pole data.		
Load cell/height (mm)	Peak force (1000 N)	Time (ms)
Top face	-6.2	
Upper load cell/2,057	-3.0	.294
Lower load cell/1,816	-3.2	.2808
Middle-upper face	-13.5	
Upper load cell/1,650	-4.9	67.4
Lower load cell/1,168	-9.3	72.2
Middle-lower face	-55.9	
Upper load cell/978	-16.9	53.6
Lower load cell/648	-41.3	48.8
Bottom face	-47.1	
Upper load cell/470	-35.1	82.2
Lower load cell/90	-15.5	40.2
Total, rigid pole	-104.6	54.8

## CONCLUSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

Visual inspection of the Honda Accord after the collision produced immediate conclusions. The speed was within reasonable tolerance and the vehicle struck the rigid pole at the intended impact location. More tests with the Honda Accord with an initial crab angle of 64° would need to be run to determine the repeatability and the reliability of the test procedures.

Fuel system and door latch integrity were not breached by the broadside collision with the FOIL instrumented rigid pole (narrow fixed-object). The vehicle crab angle was intended to expose the dummy to direct rigid pole contact without altering the seating procedures outlined in FMVSS 214, as in test 97S005. However, the buckling of the B-pillar and the rotation and departure of the driver seat from under the dummy caused the dummy to contact the B-pillar before the rigid pole. This reduced the HIC value to a magnitude similar to those obtained during tests 97S003 and 97S004. The two tests were 90° broadside collisions and in each

test the dummy was positioned slightly behind the B-pillar, resulting in lower than expected HIC values (667 g's and 403 g's respectively). Red and yellow chalk on the B-pillar indicated contact between the B-pillar and the dummy's head (side and rear). This contact caused the dummy to rotate away from the rigid pole, thus lowering contact with the rigid pole. The HIC value was below expected results for a broadside collision with a narrow object aligned with the dummy's head cg. The test did not yield adequate results to show that a dynamic side-impact protection system would be of significant improvement. The head injury criteria value was below current safety standards without an air bag system present.

The results from this test suggest that the procedures followed would not be suitable for compliance testing of dynamic side-impact protection systems. The crab angle parameter needs further examination to determine if other crab angles could produce direct contact between the SIDH3 and the rigid pole.

APPENDIX A. DATA PLOTS FROM VEHICLE ACCELEROMETERS.

Test No. 97S006

X-axis, acceleration vs. time cg data

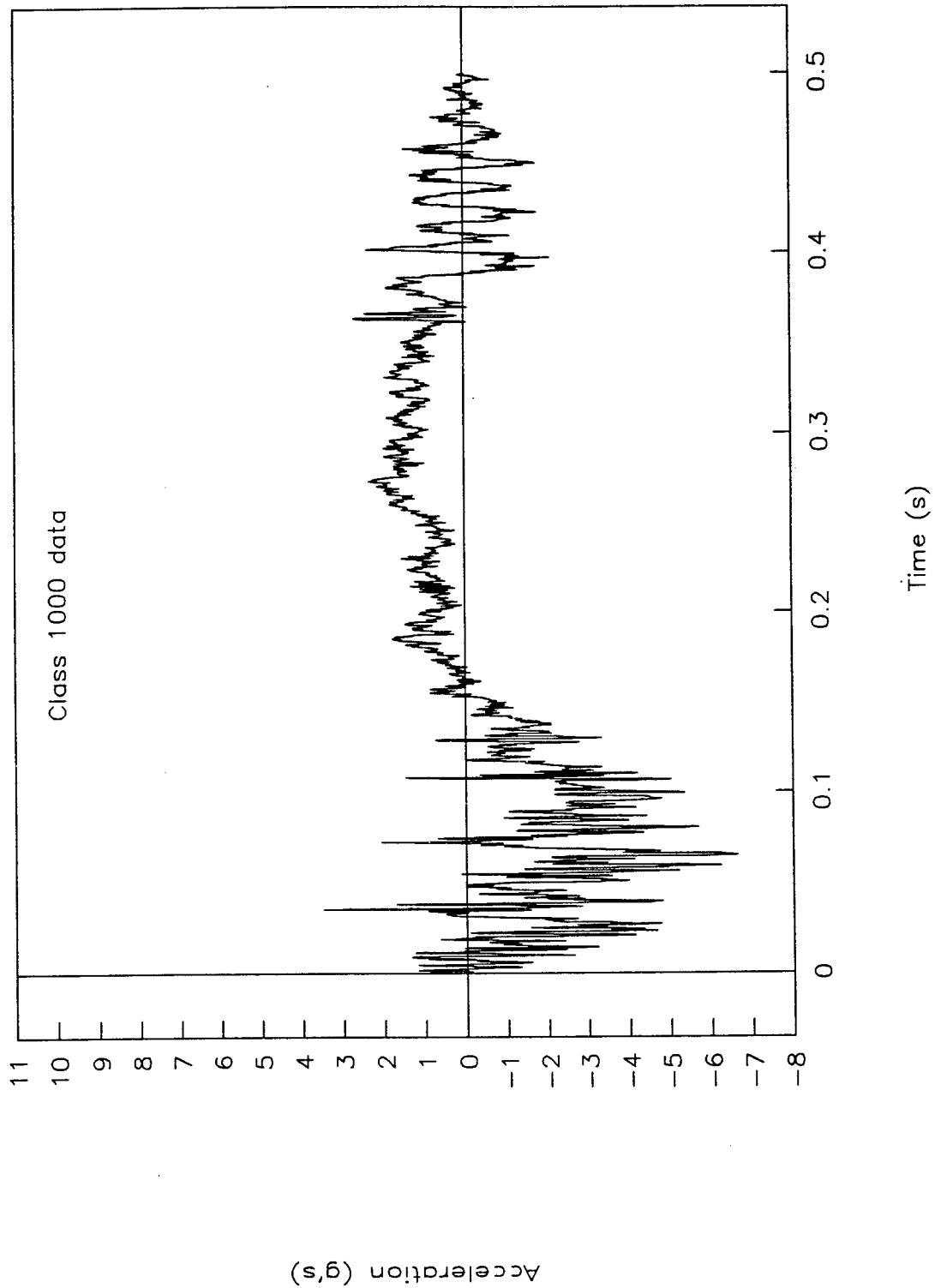


Figure 8. Acceleration vs. time, cg X-axis, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Y-axis, acceleration vs. time cc data

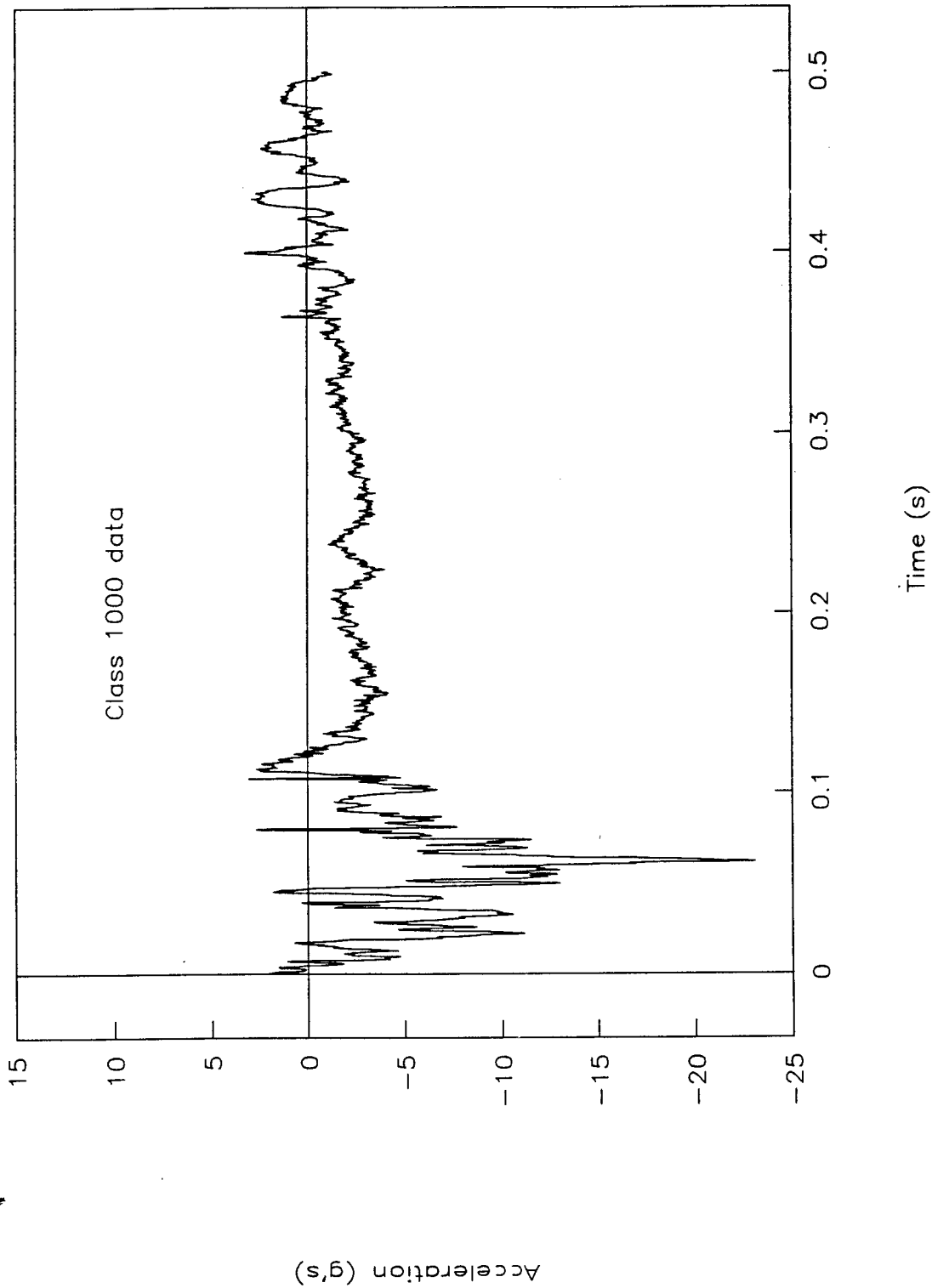


Figure 9. Acceleration vs. time, cg Y-axis, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Z-axis, acceleration vs. time cg data

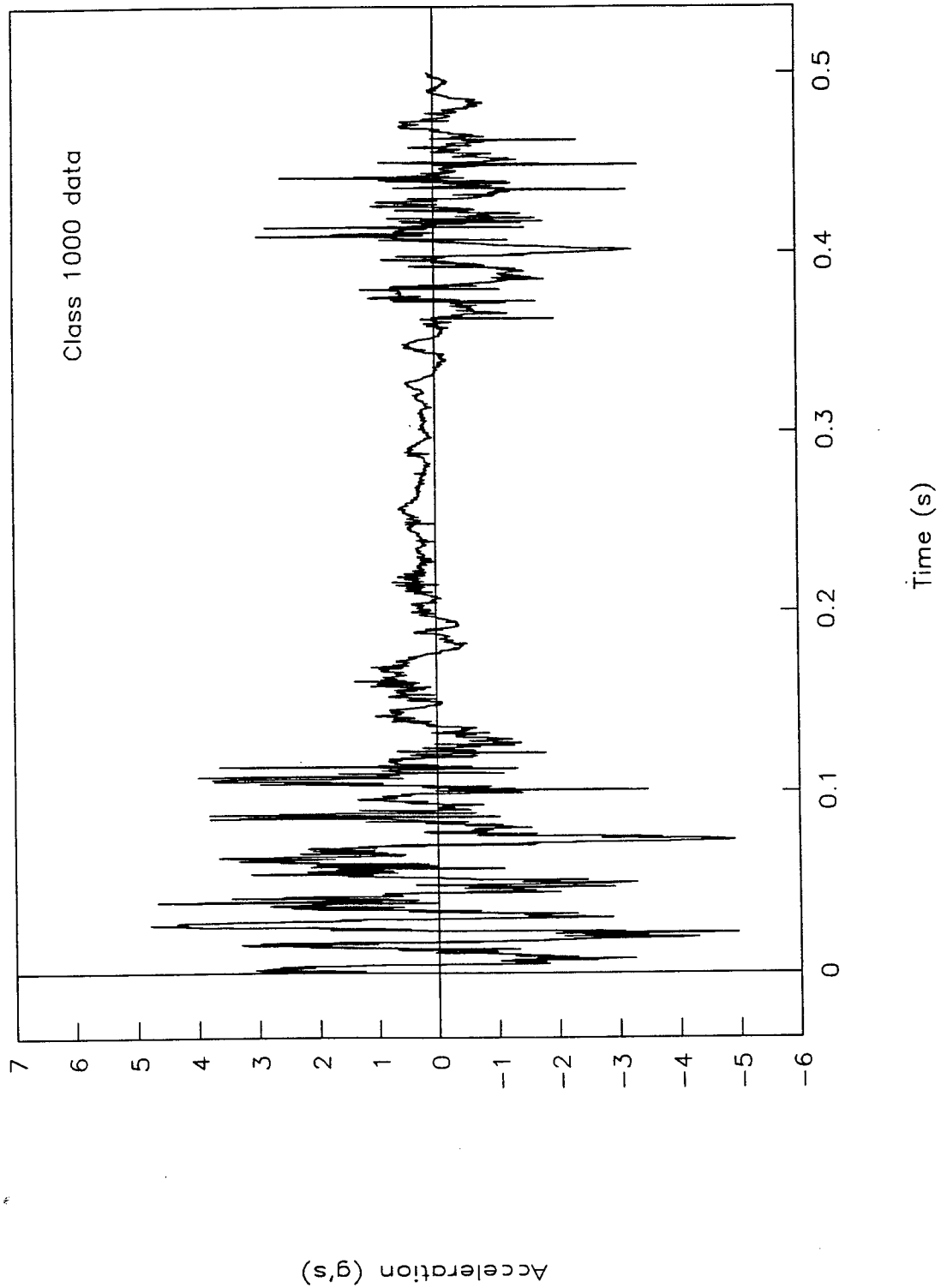


Figure 10. Acceleration vs. time, cg Z-axis, test 97S006.



# Test No. 97S0006

Redundant Y-axis cg data

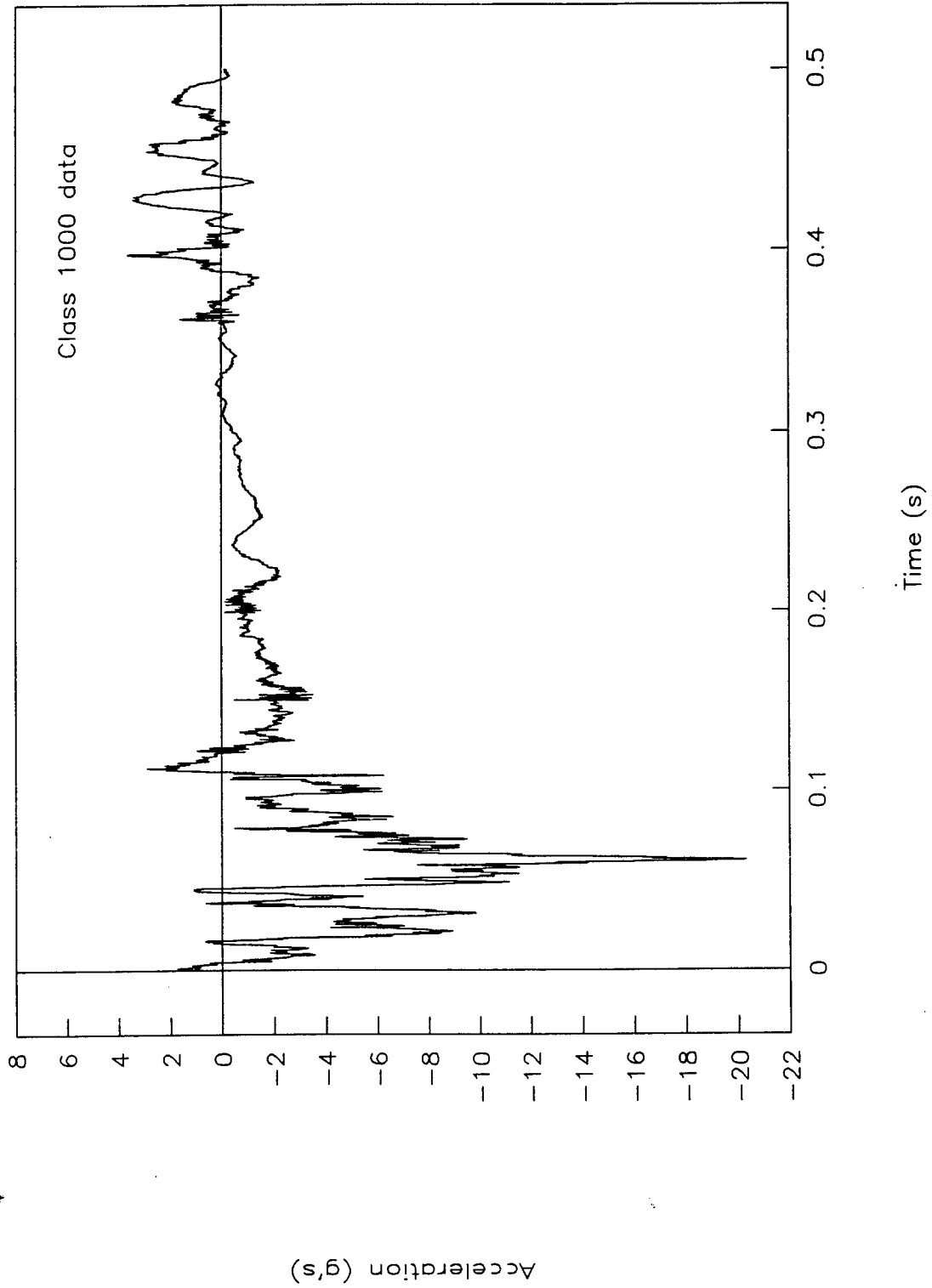


Figure 11. Acceleration vs. time, redundant Y-axis cg, test 97S0006.

Test No. 97S006  
Y-axis driver seat track

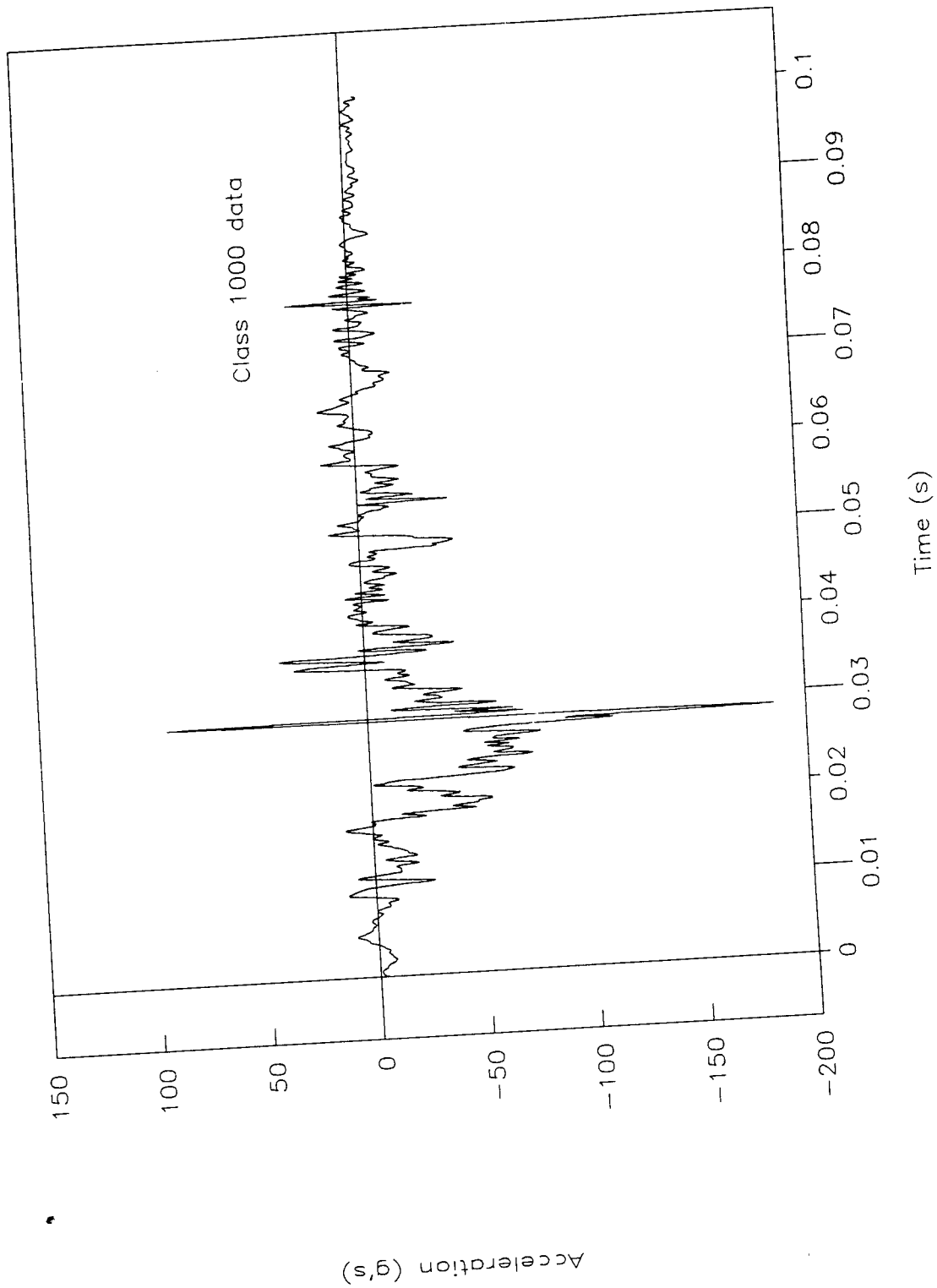


Figure 12. Acceleration vs. time, Y-axis driver seat track, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

X-axis, engine block

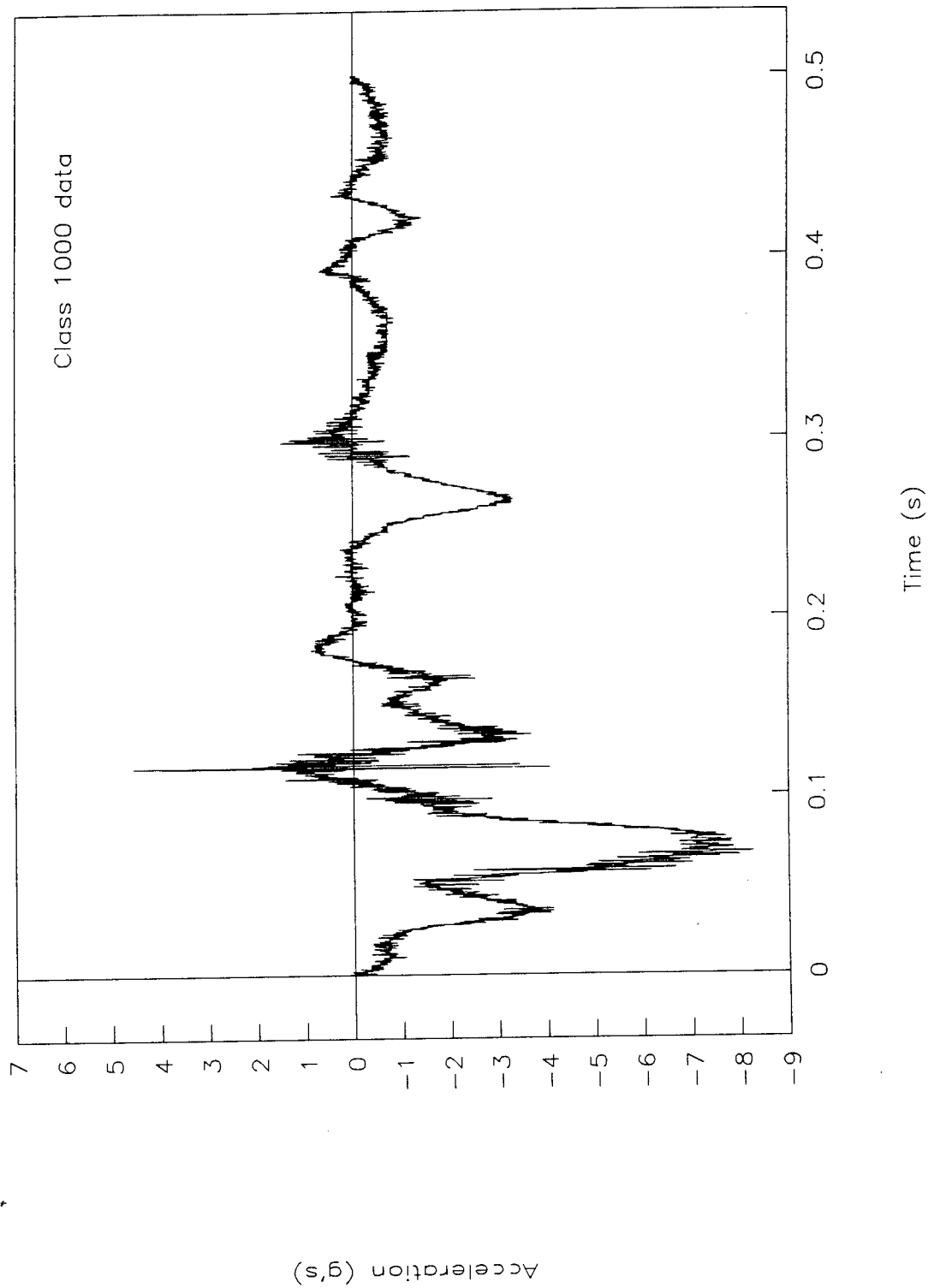


Figure 13. Acceleration vs. time, X-axis engine block, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006  
Y-axis engine block

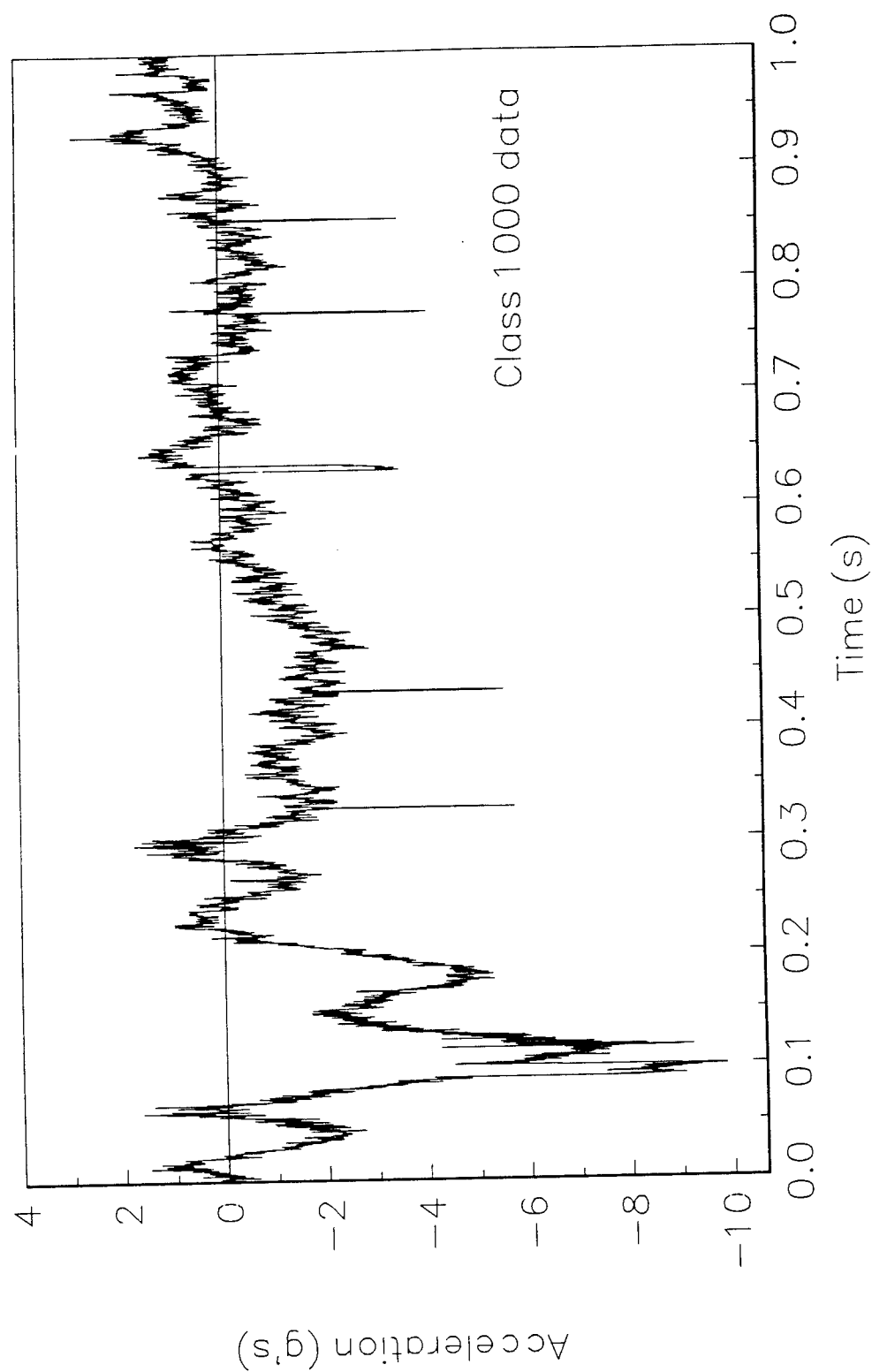


Figure 14. Acceleration vs. time, Y-axis engine block, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

X-axis trunk

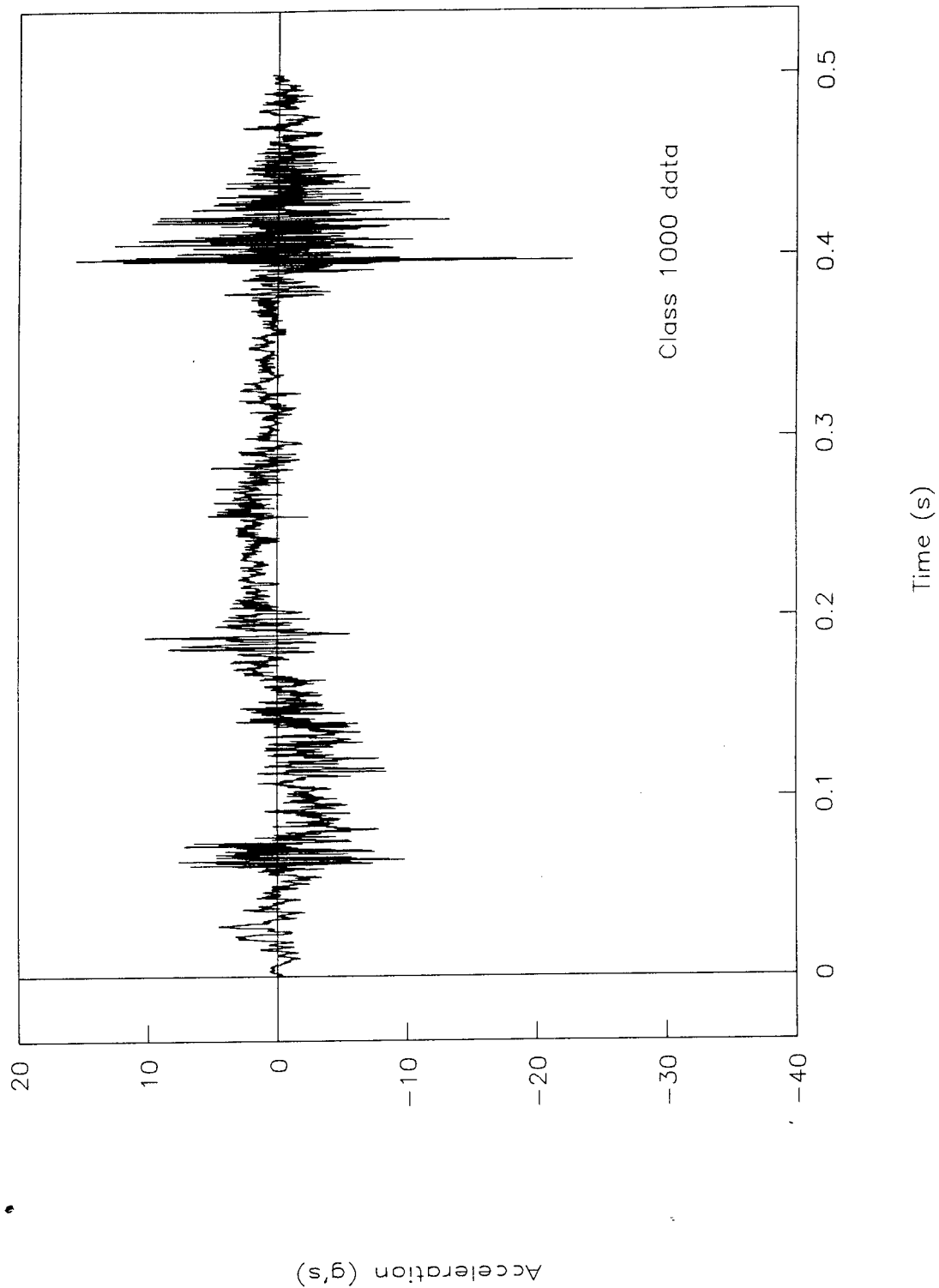


Figure 15. Acceleration vs. time, X-axis trunk, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006  
Y-axis trunk

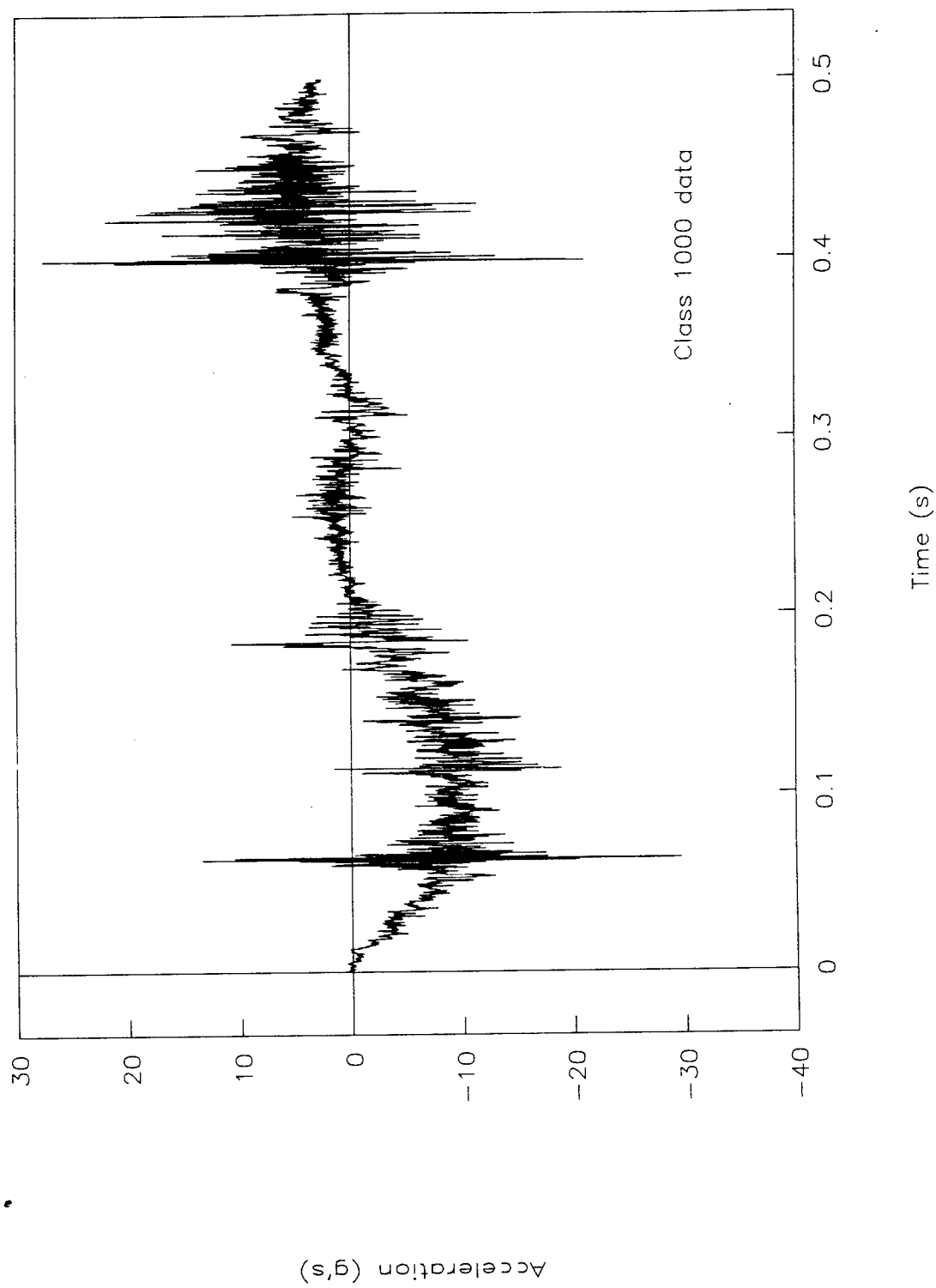


Figure 16. Acceleration vs. time, Y-axis trunk, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006  
Pitch rate and angle vs. time

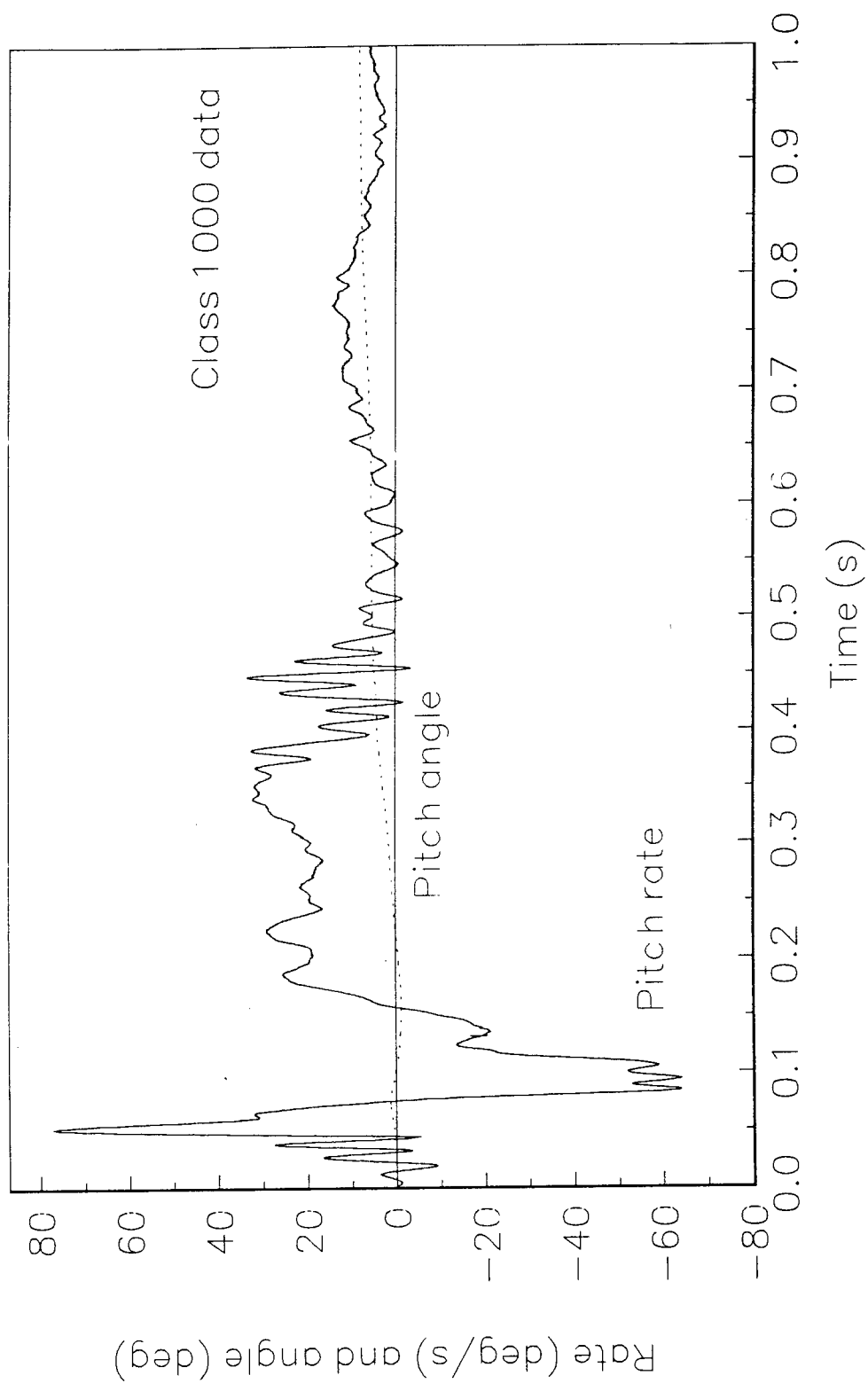


Figure 17. Pitch rate and angle vs. time, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006  
Roll rate and angle vs. time

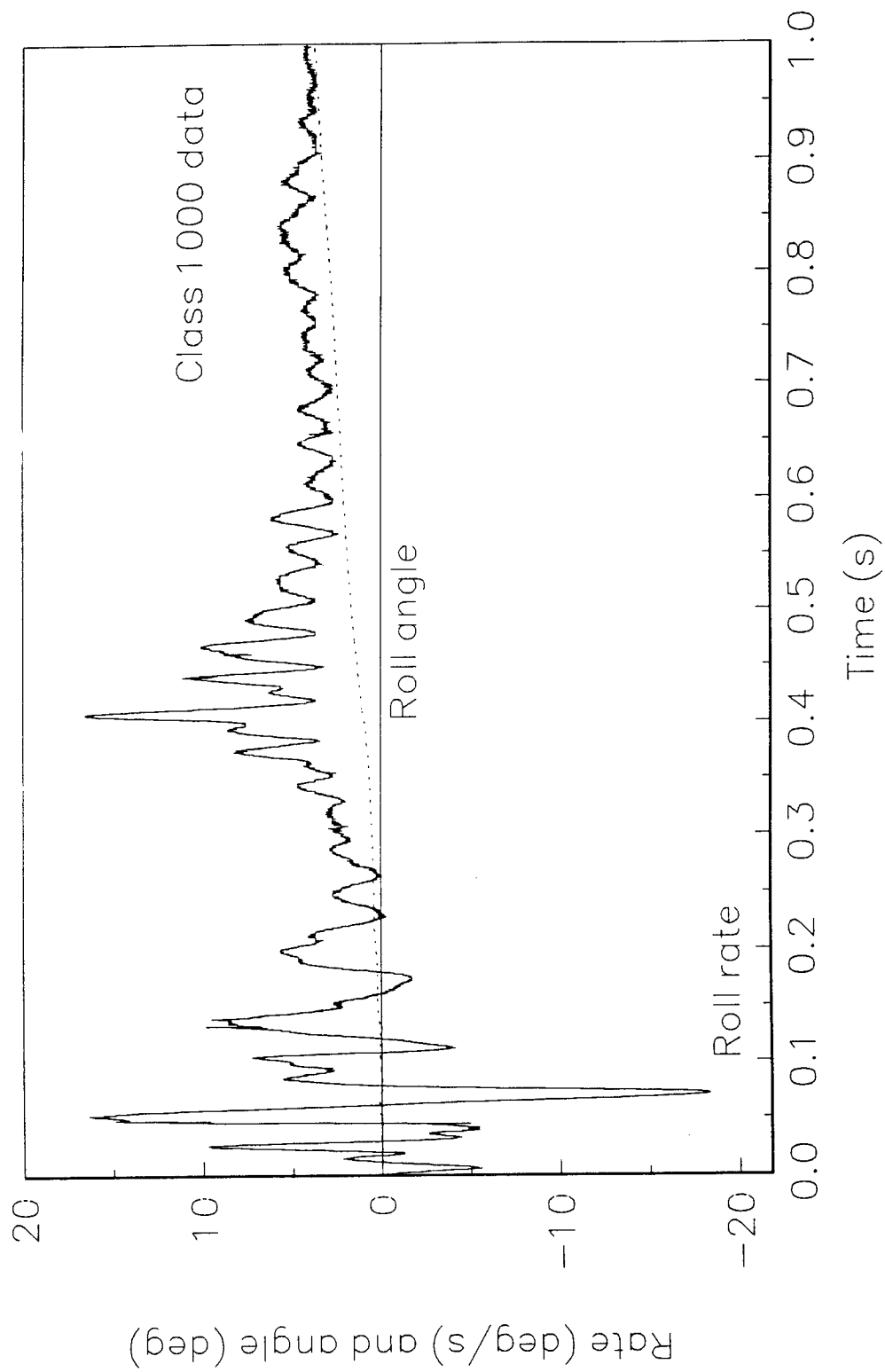


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Test No. 97S006  
Yaw rate and angle vs. time

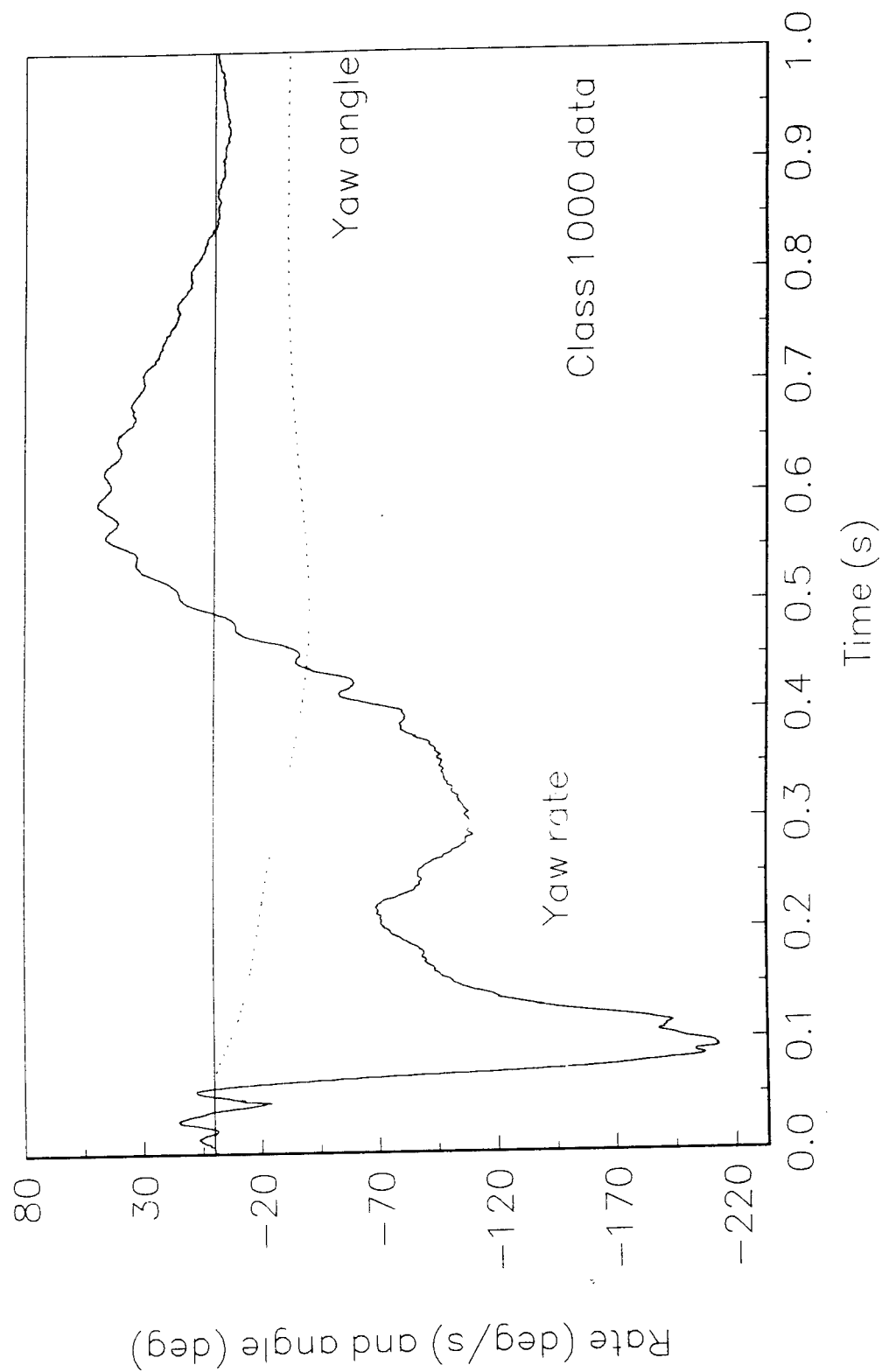


Figure 19. Yaw rate and angle vs. time, test 97S006.

APPENDIX B. DATA PLOTS FROM INSTRUMENTED SIDH3.

Test No. 97S006  
X-axis, head acceleration vs. time

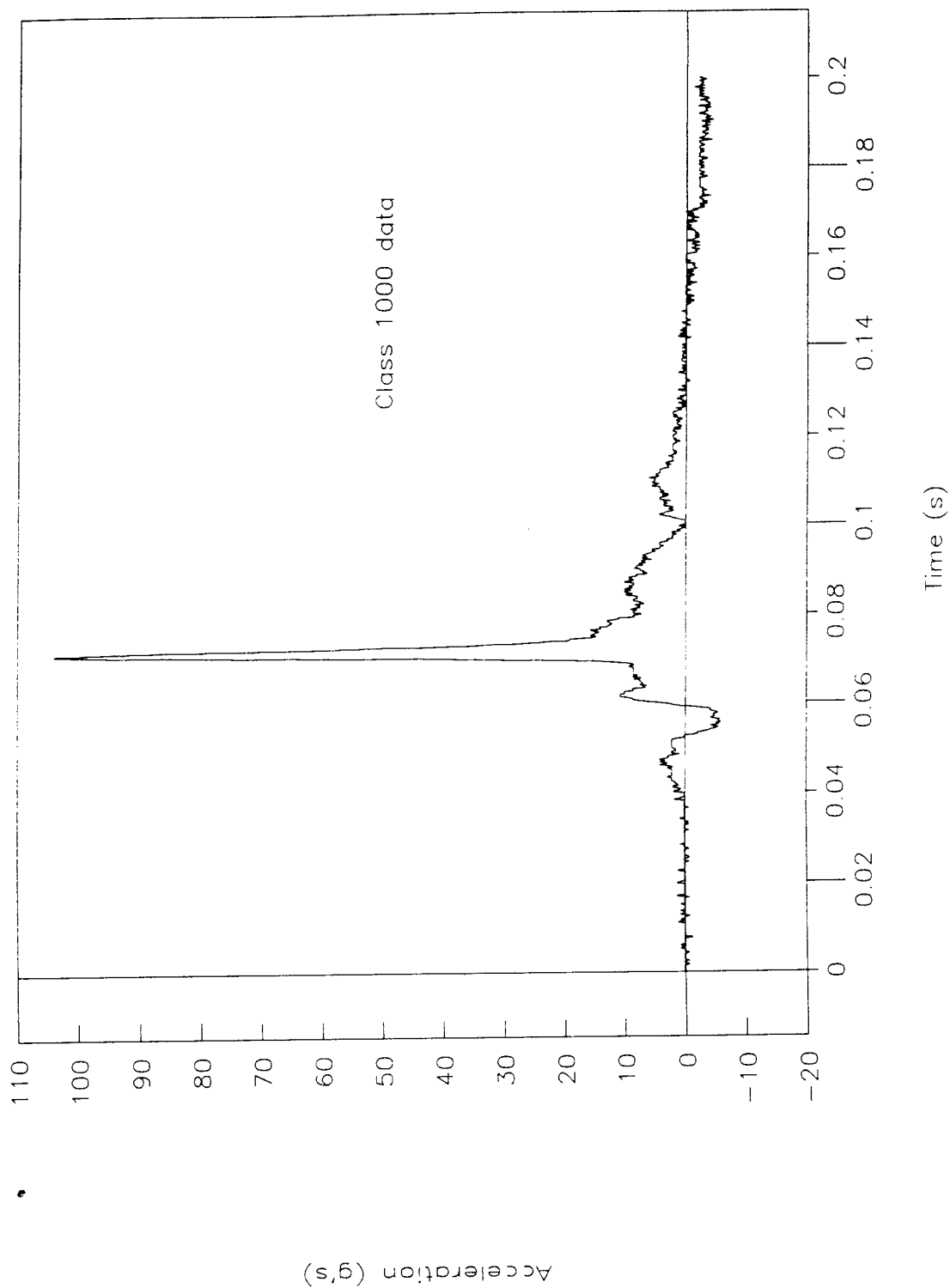


Figure 20. Acceleration vs. time, X-axis head, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Y-axis, head acceleration vs. time

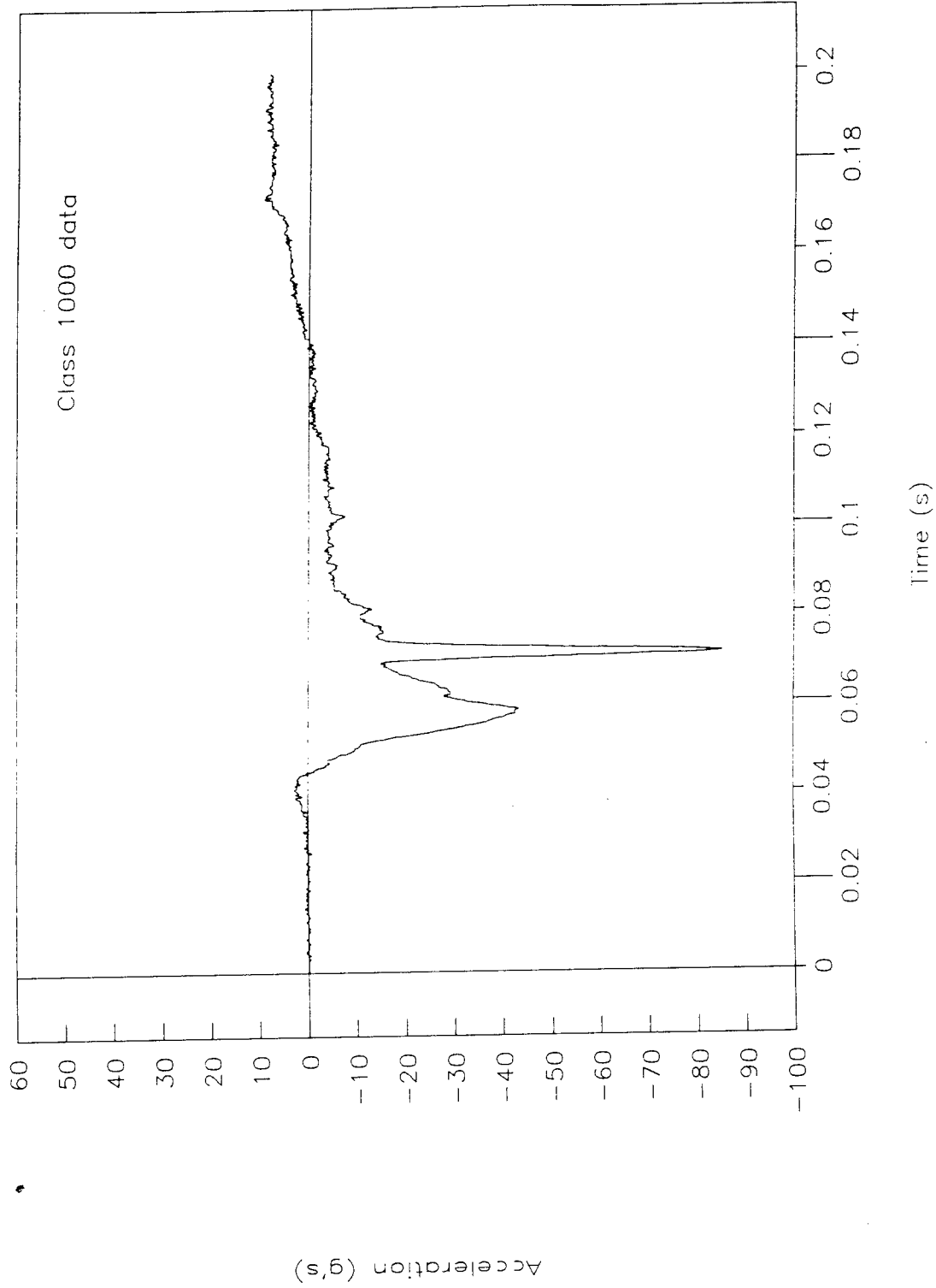


Figure 21. Acceleration vs. time, Y-axis head, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Z-axis, head acceleration vs. time

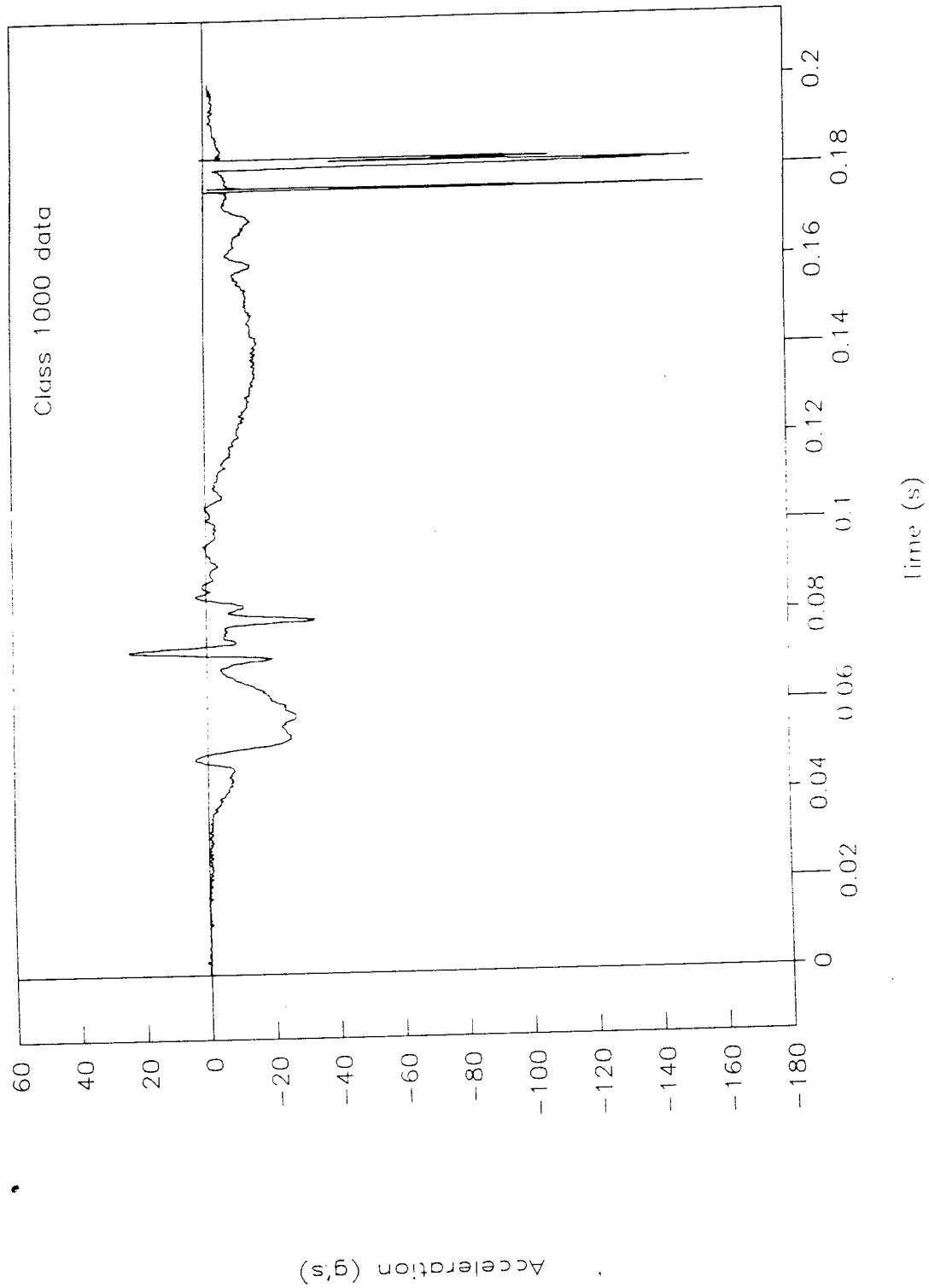


Figure 22. Acceleration vs. time, Z-axis head, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006

X-axis, neck force vs. time

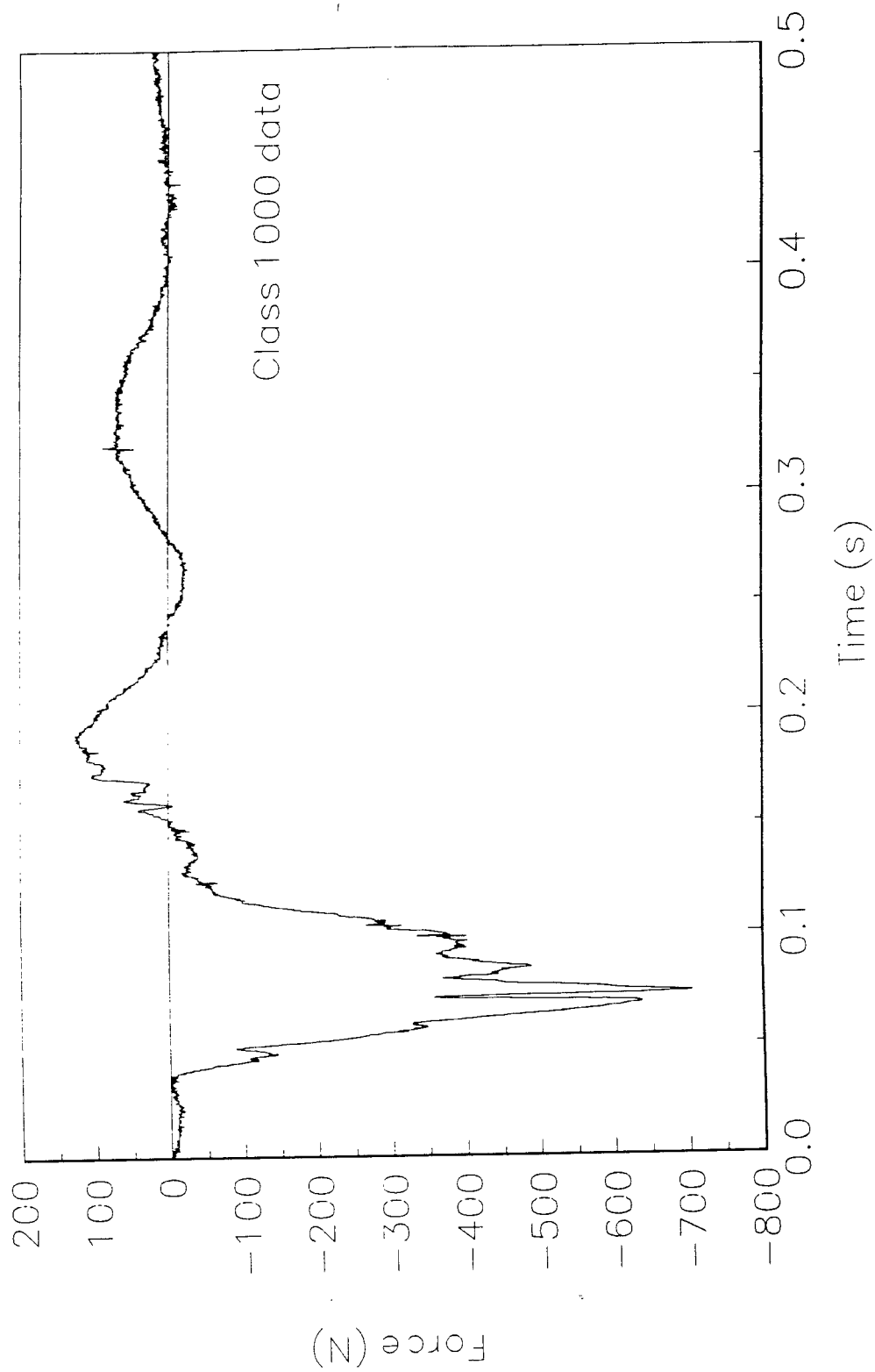


Figure 23. Force vs. time, X-axis neck, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006  
Y-axis, neck force vs. time

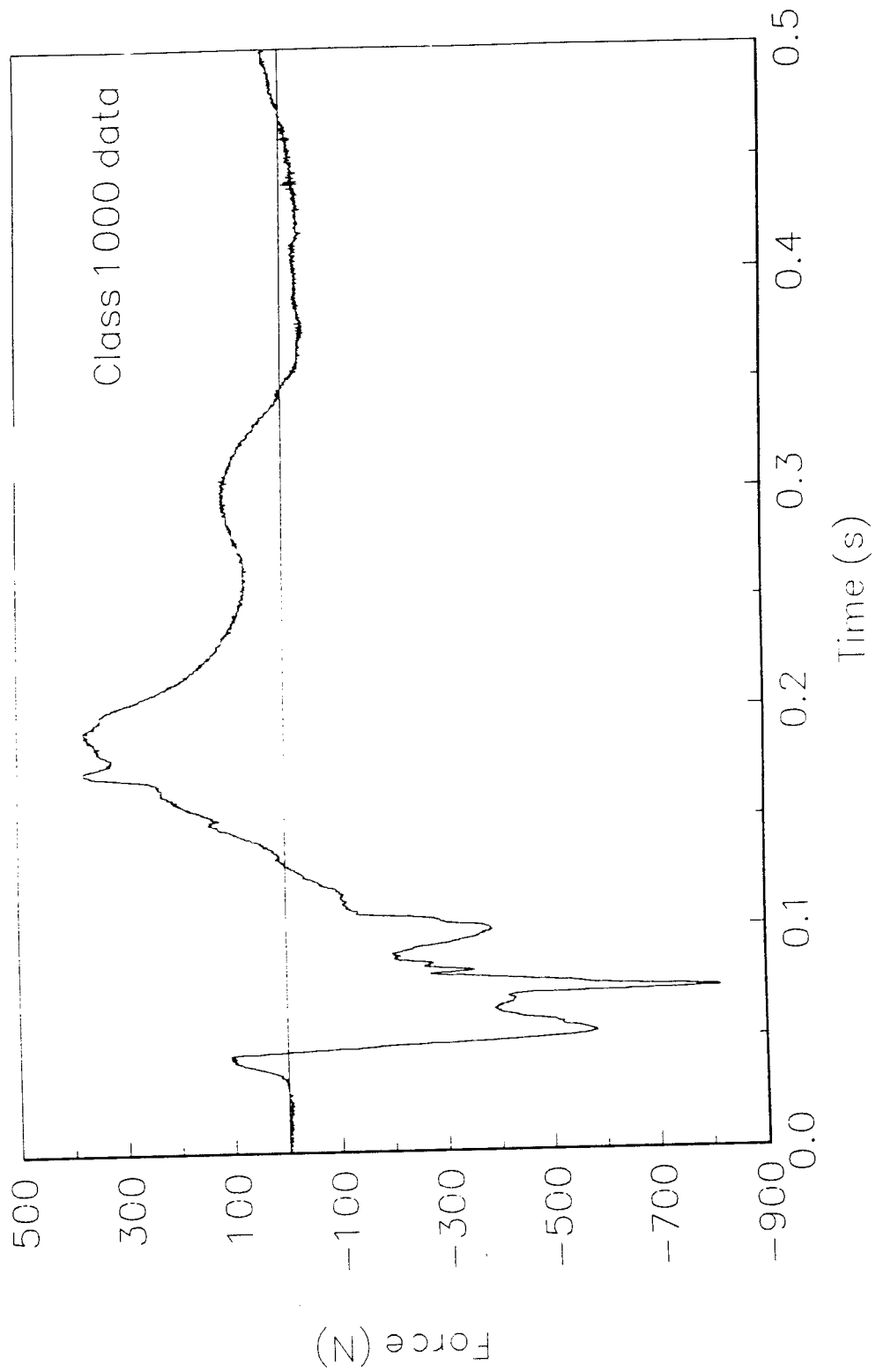


Figure 24. Force vs. time, Y-axis neck, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006

Z-axis, neck force vs. time

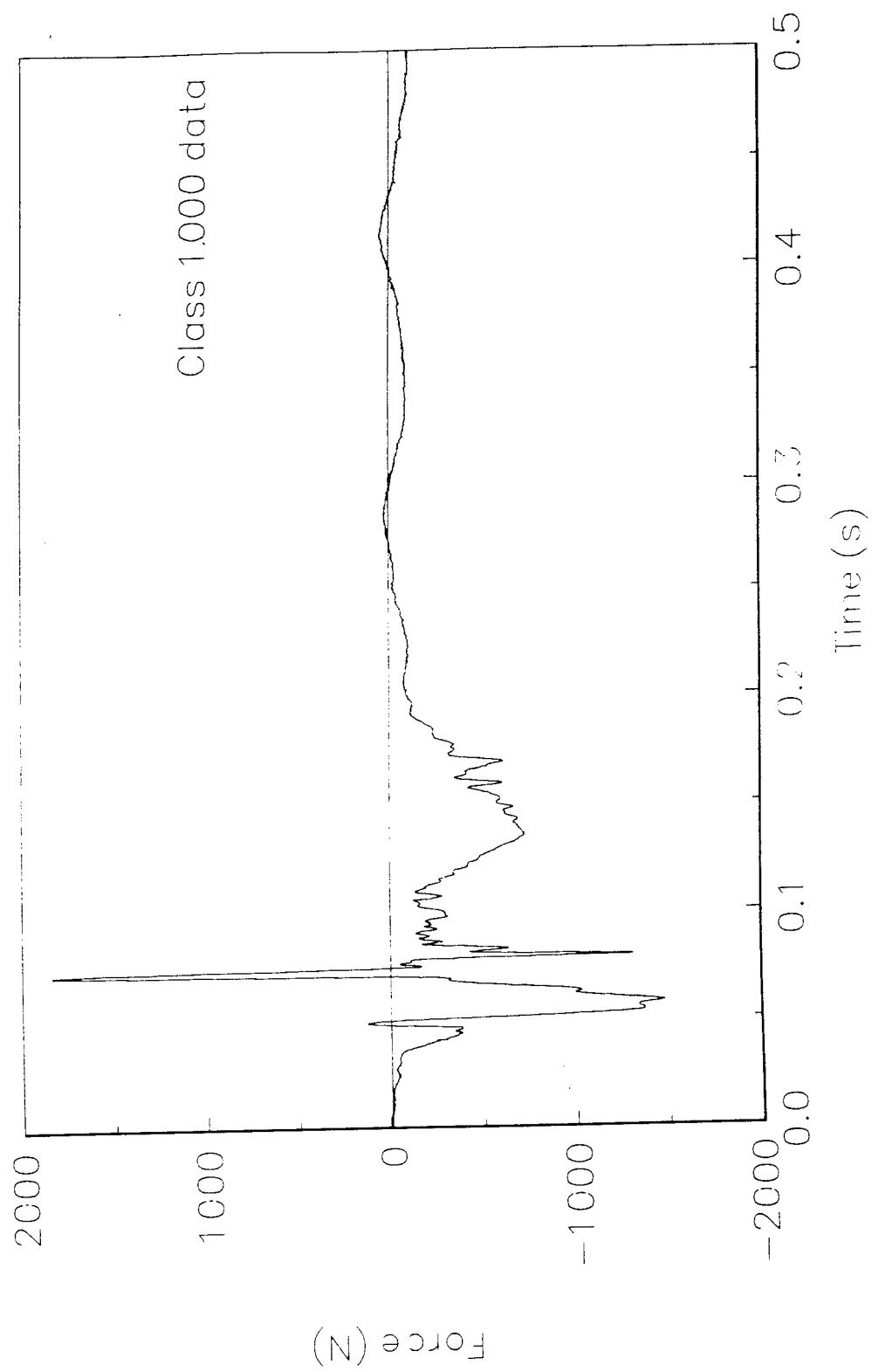


Figure 25. Force vs. time, Z-axis neck, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006  
X-axis, neck moment vs. time

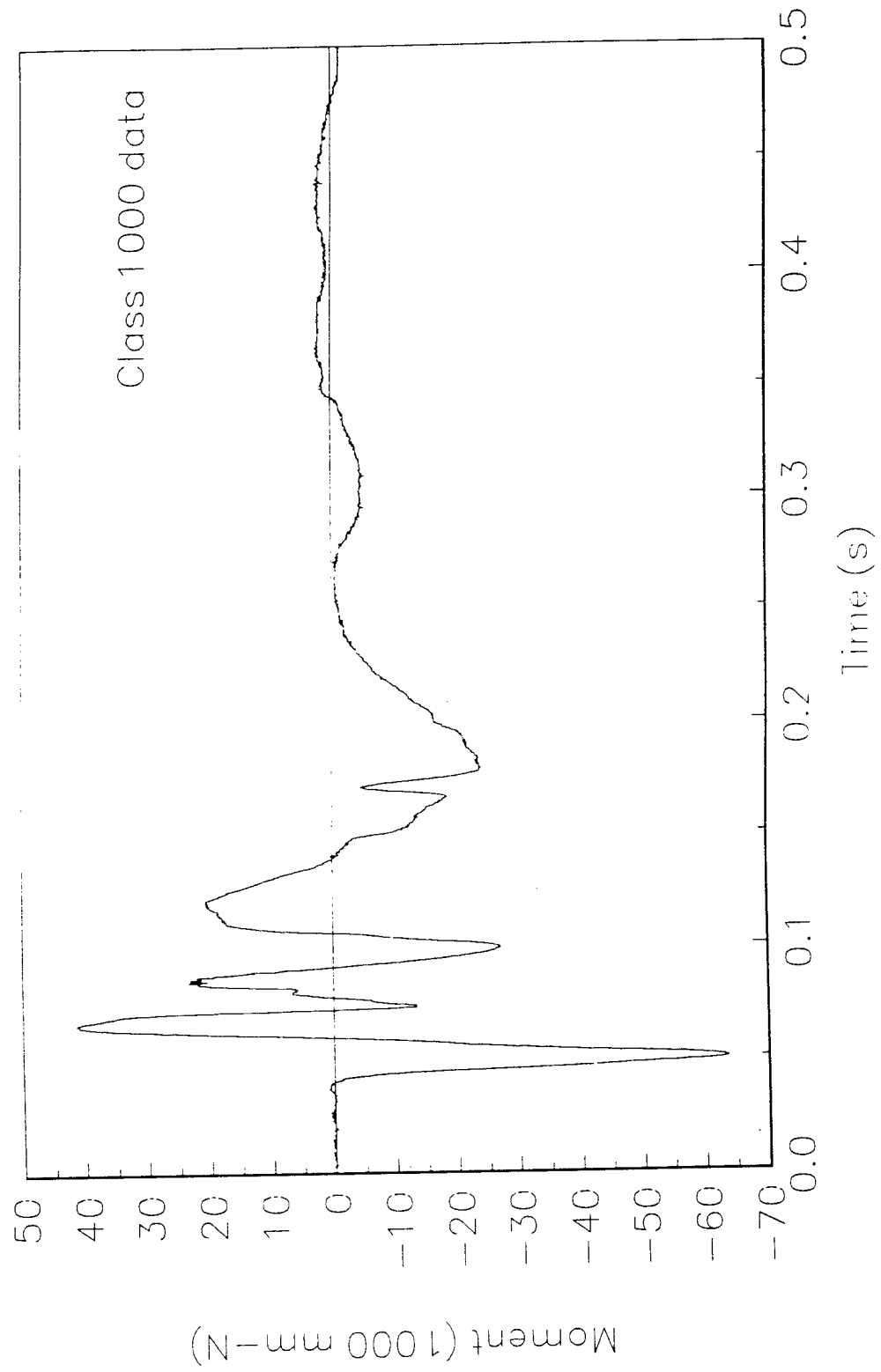


Figure 26. Moment vs. time, X-axis neck, test 97S006.



Test No. 97S006  
Y-axis, neck moment vs. time

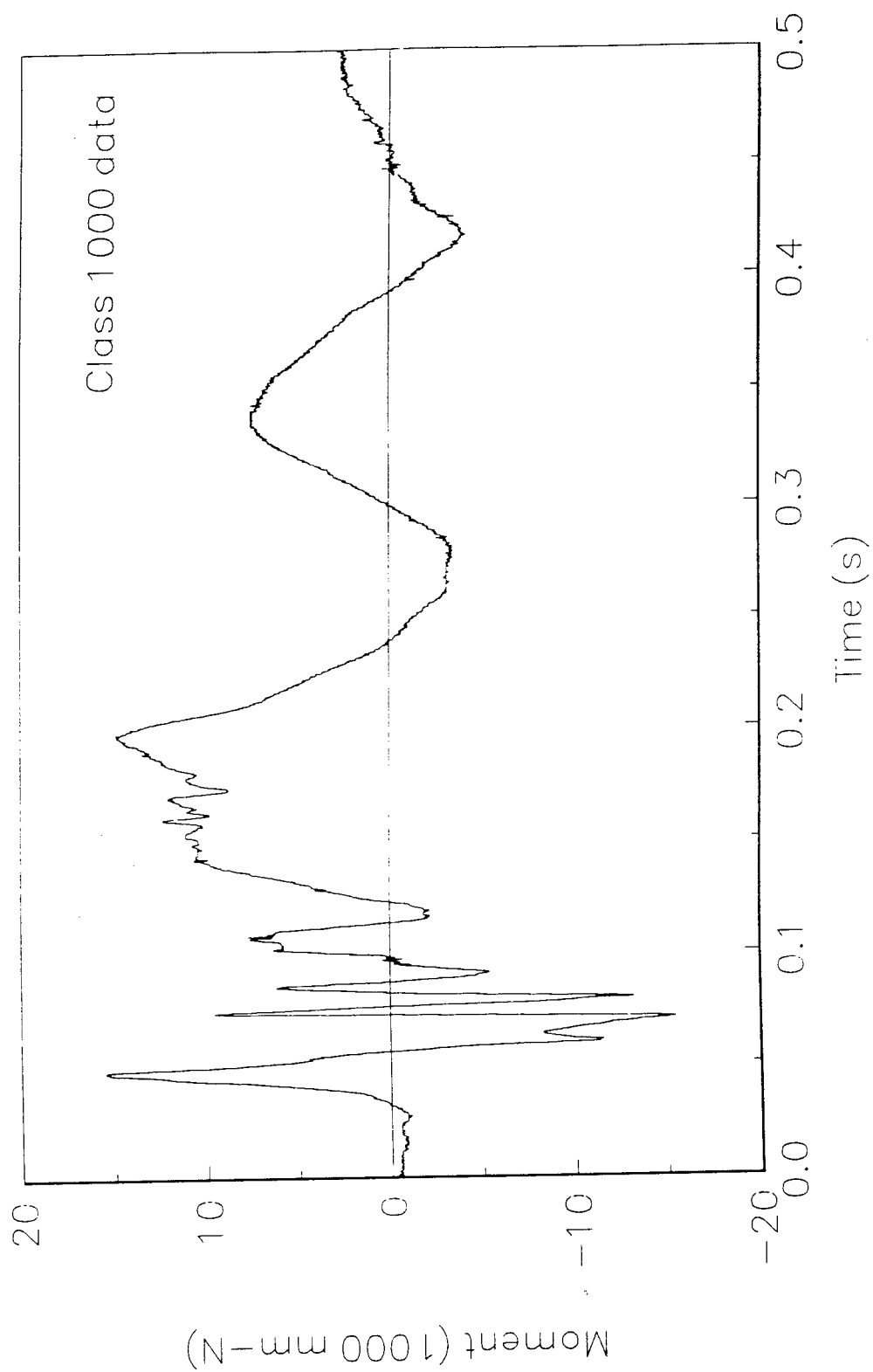


Figure 27. Moment vs. time, Y-axis neck, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006  
Z-axis, neck moment vs. time

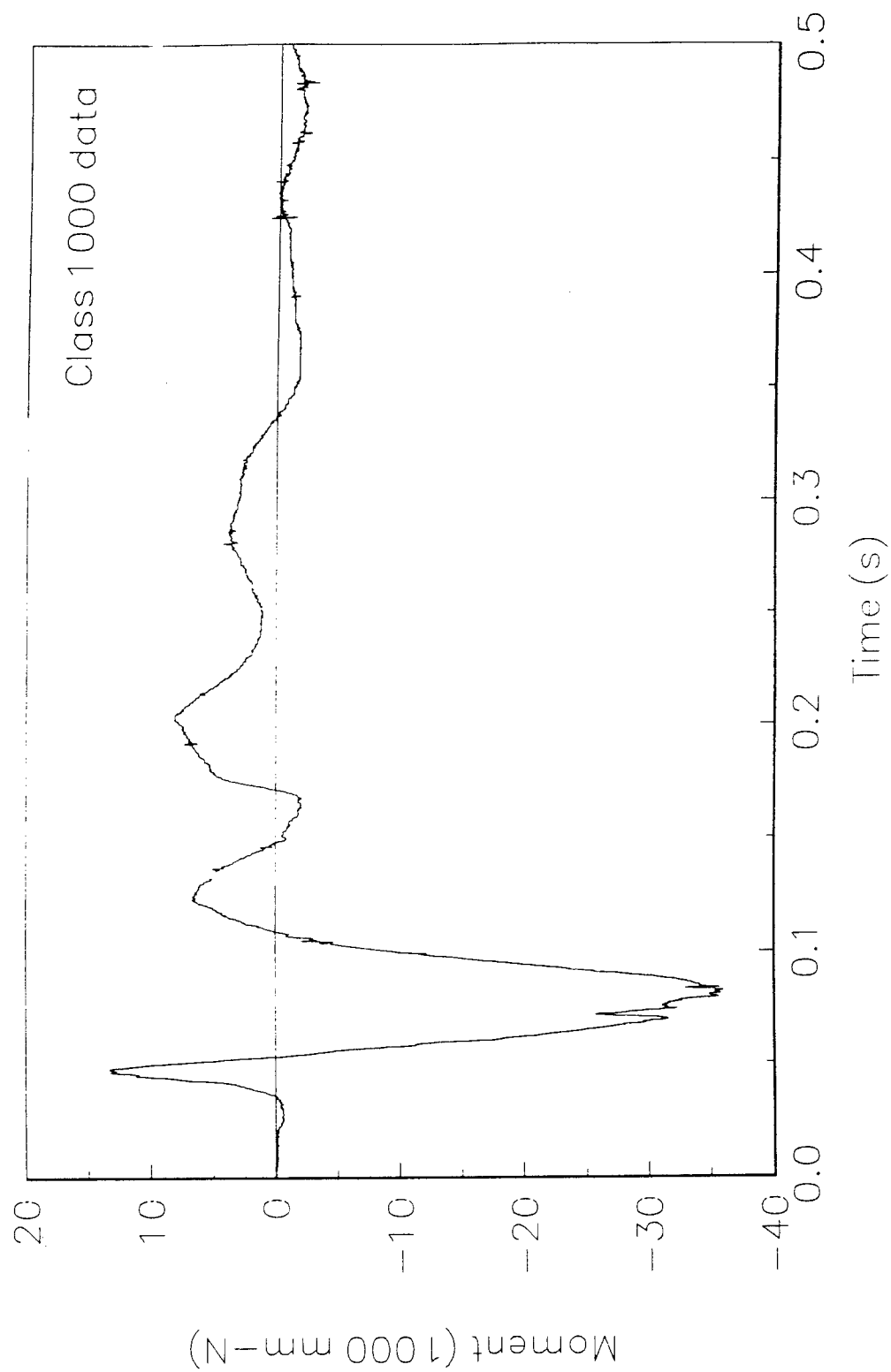


Figure 28. Moment vs. time, Z-axis neck, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Primary upper rib

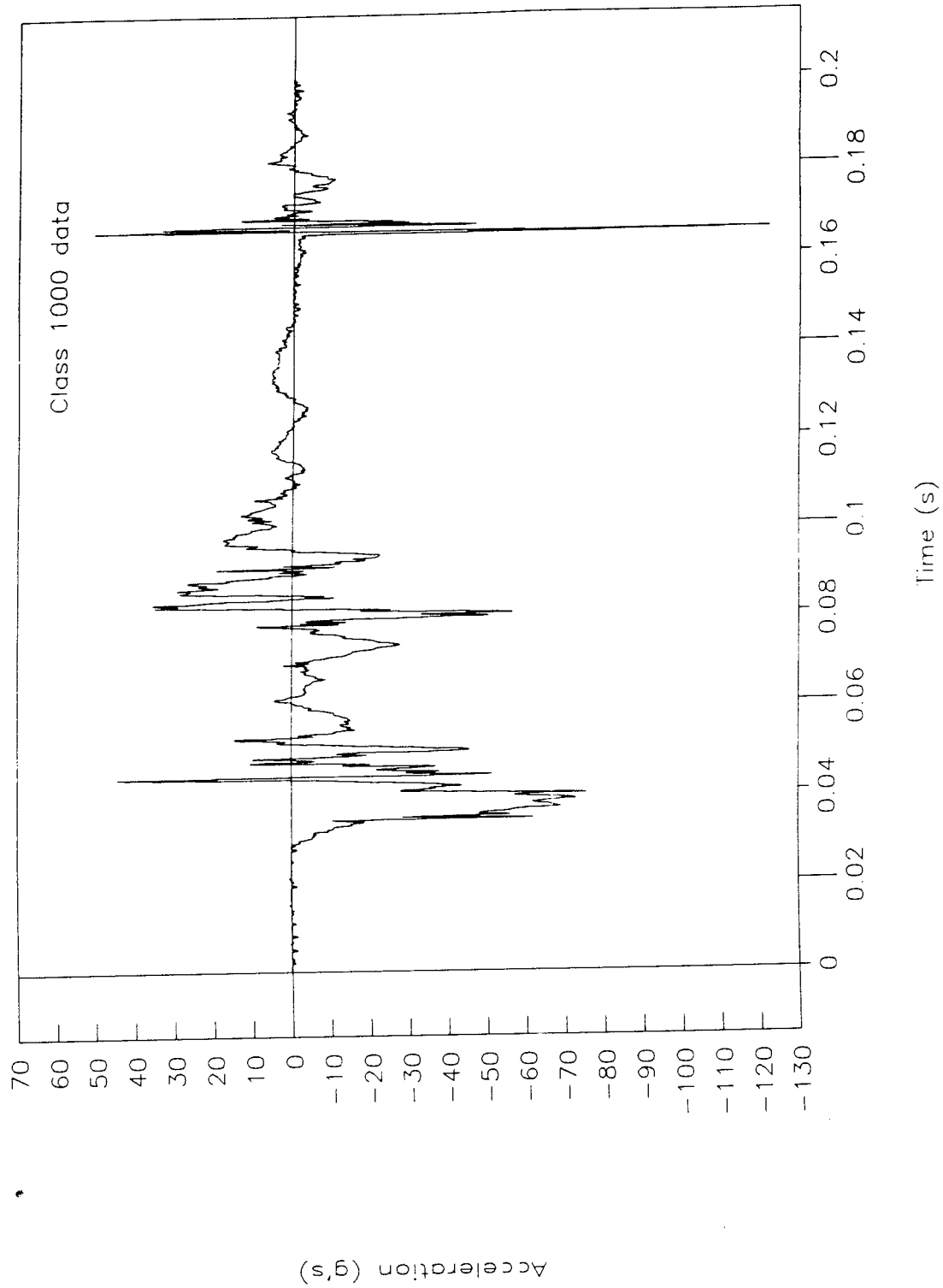


Figure 29. Acceleration vs. time, primary upper rib, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Redundant upper rib

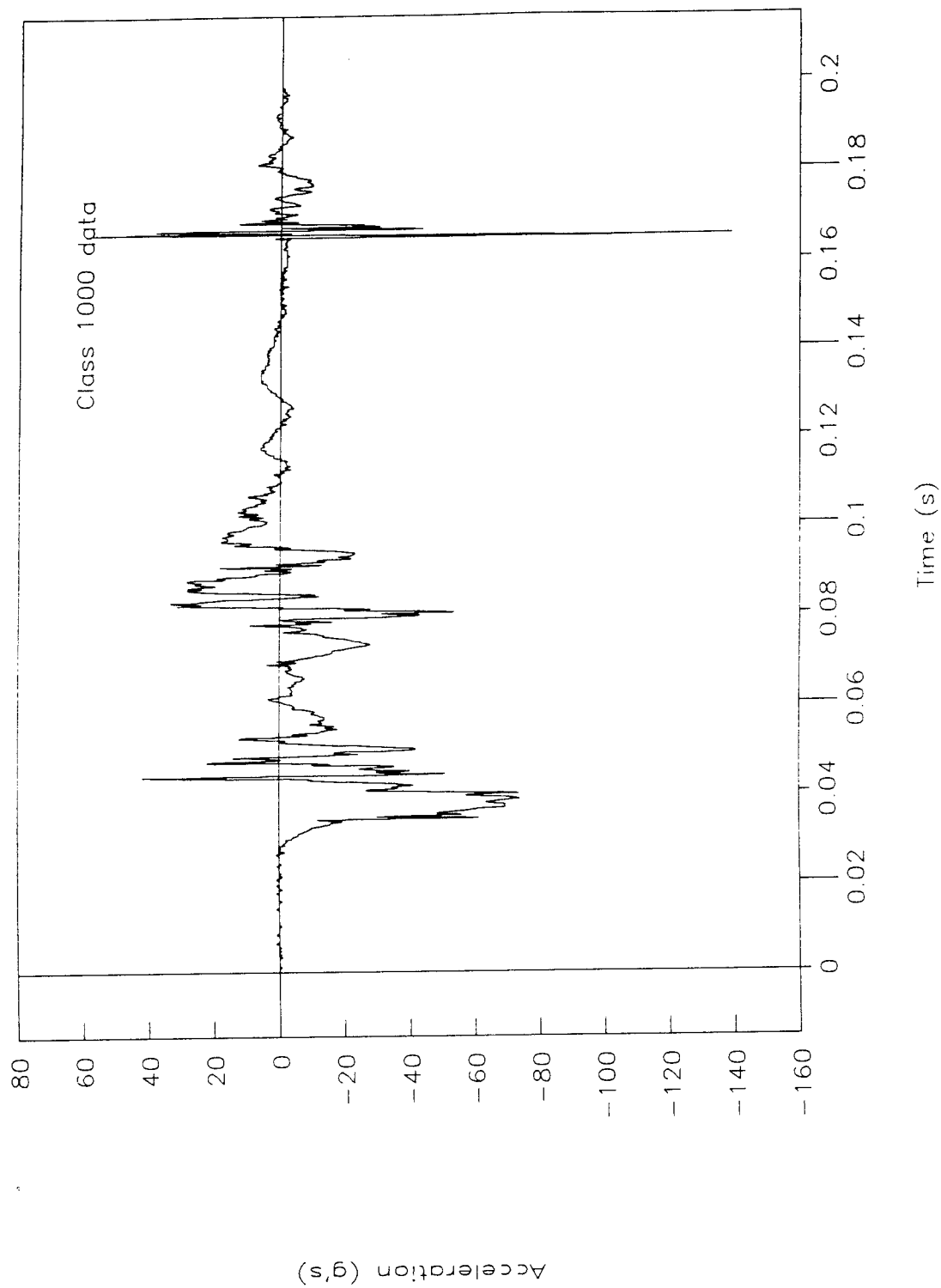


Figure 30. Acceleration vs. time, redundant upper rib, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Primary lower rib

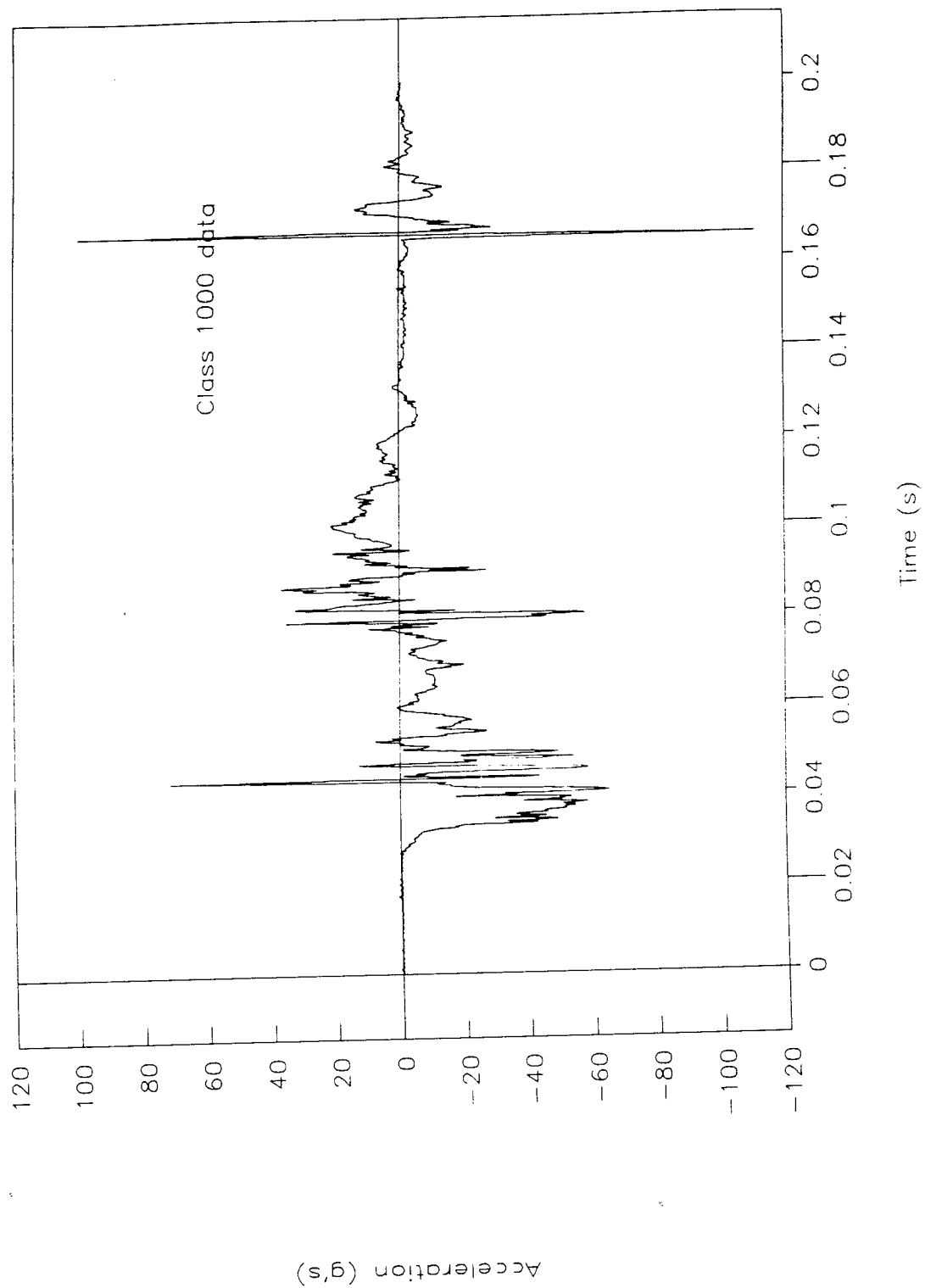


Figure 31. Acceleration vs. time, primary lower rib, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006  
Redundant lower rib

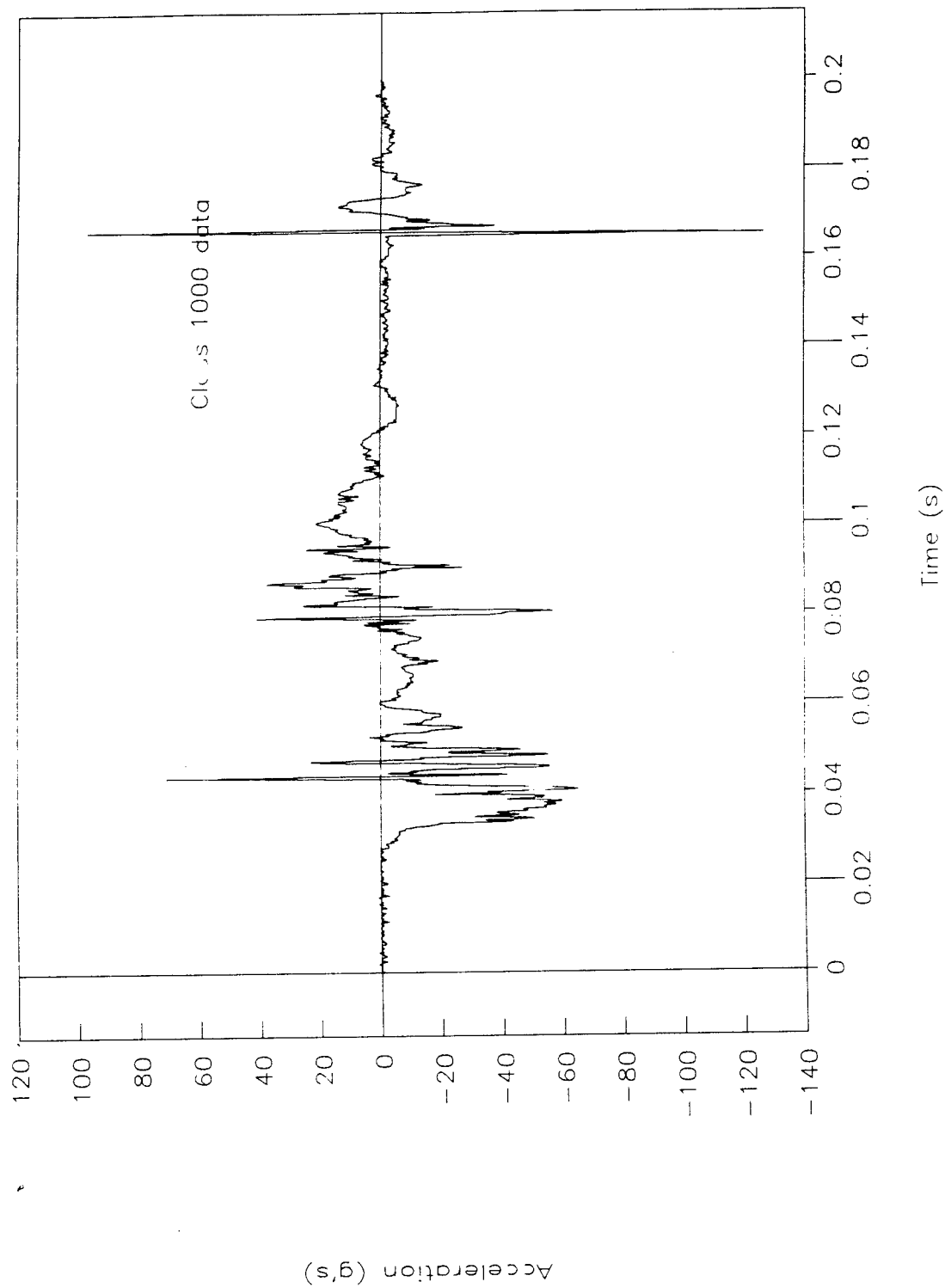


Figure 32. Acceleration vs. time, redundant lower rib, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S0006

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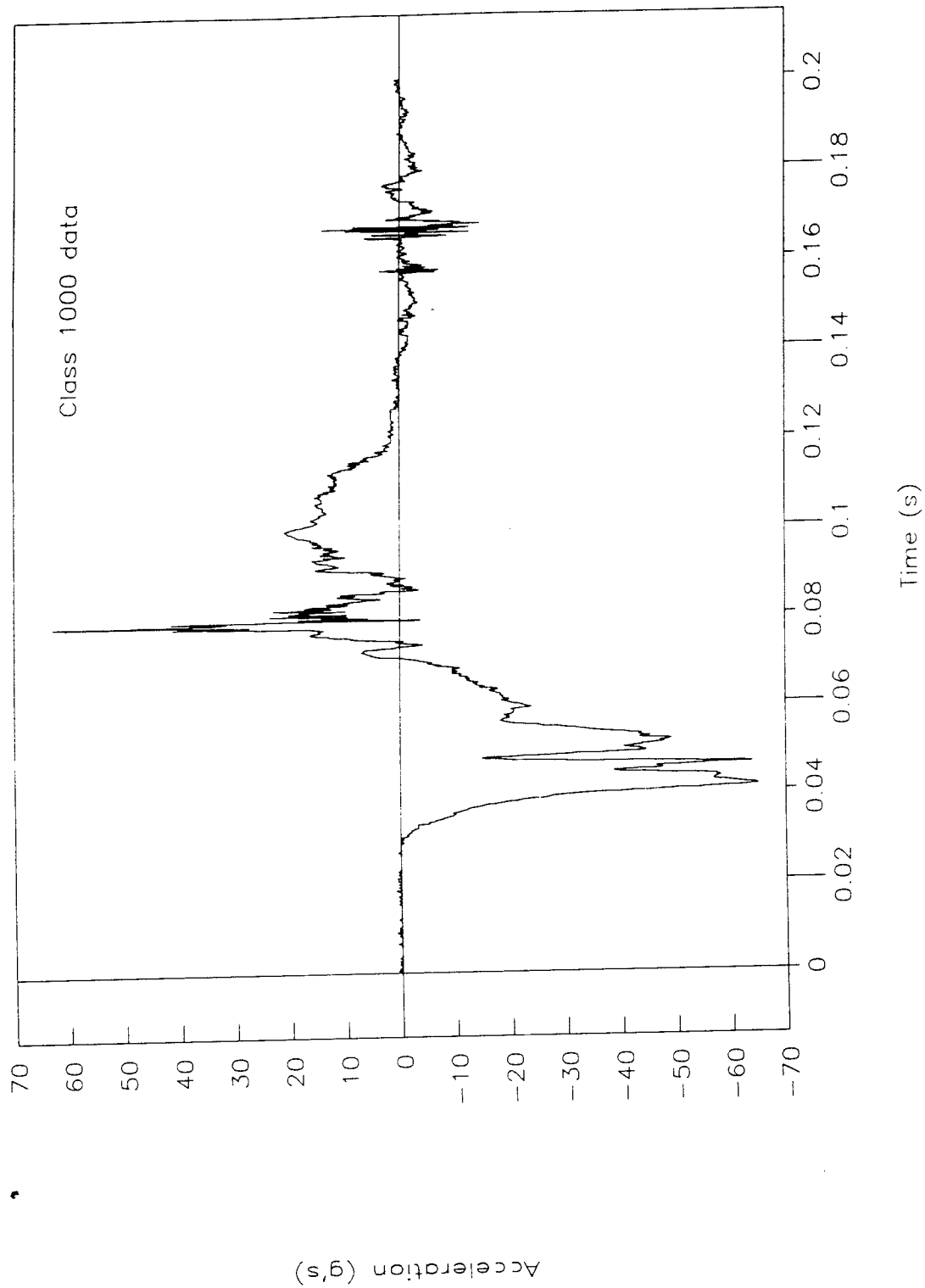


Figure 33. Acceleration vs. time, primary T12 spine, test 97S0006.

# Test No. 97S0006

Redundant T12 spine

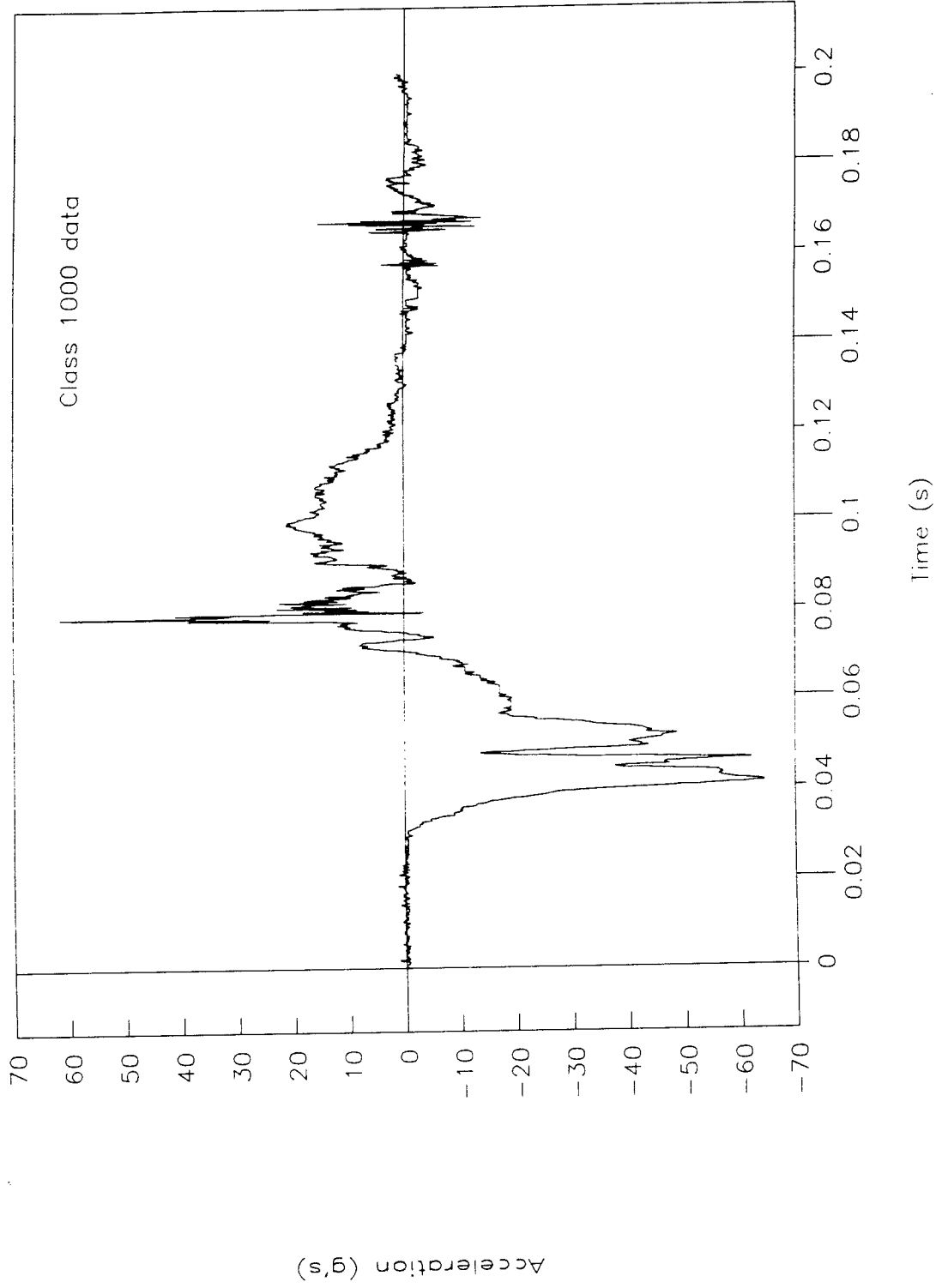


Figure 34. Acceleration vs. time, redundant T12 spine, test 97S0006.



# Test No. 97S006

Y-axis pelvis

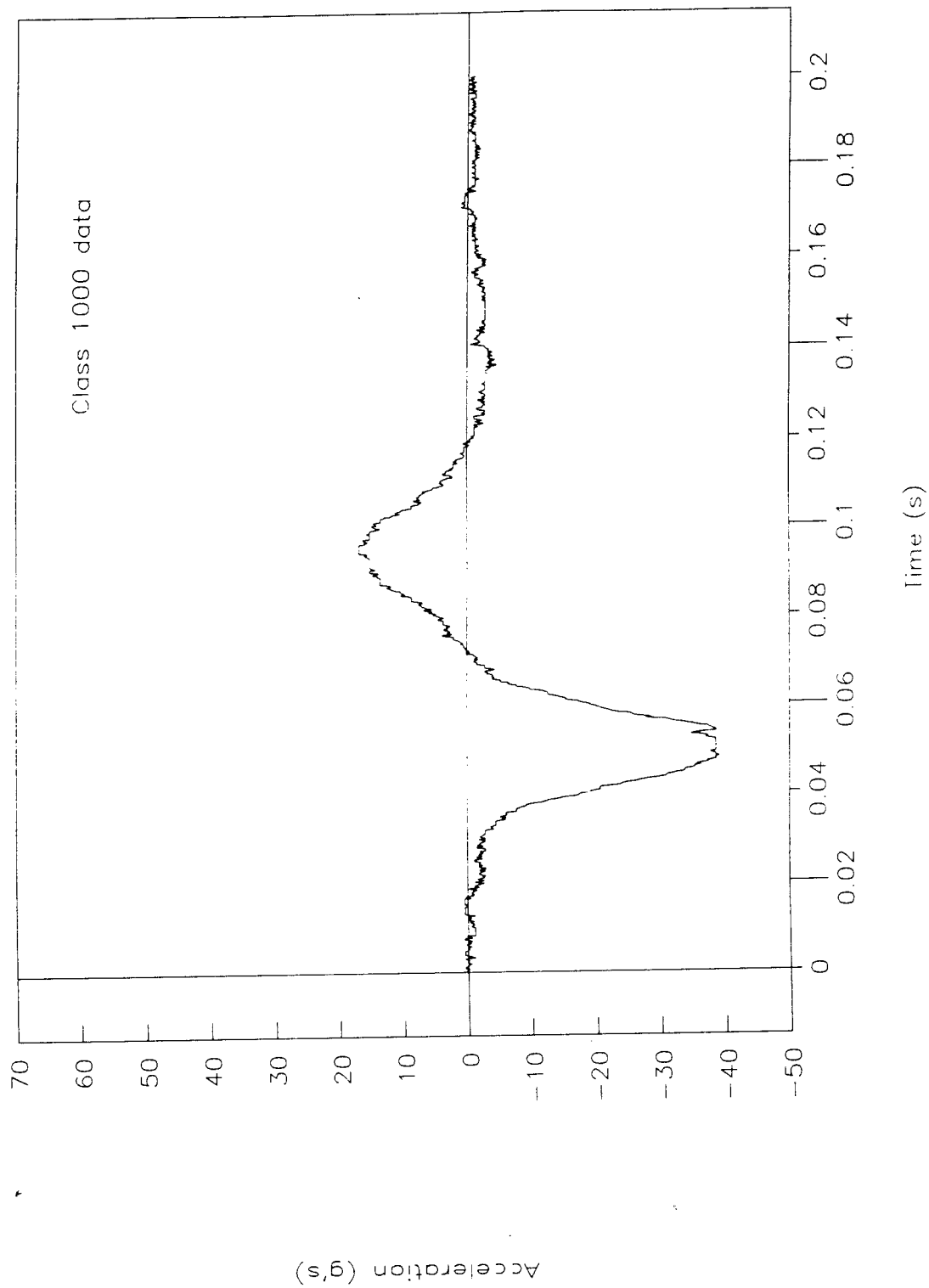
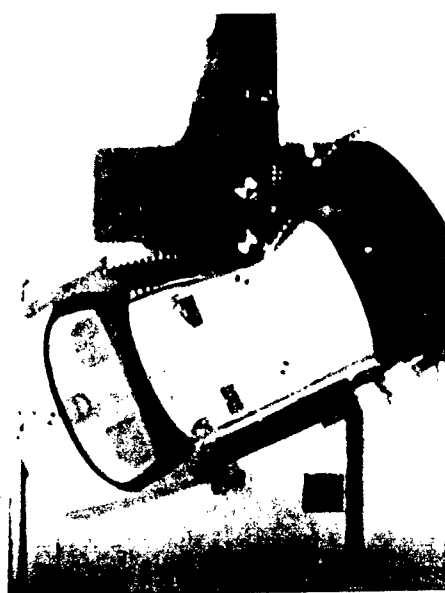


Figure 35. Acceleration vs. time, Y-axis pelvis, test 97S006.

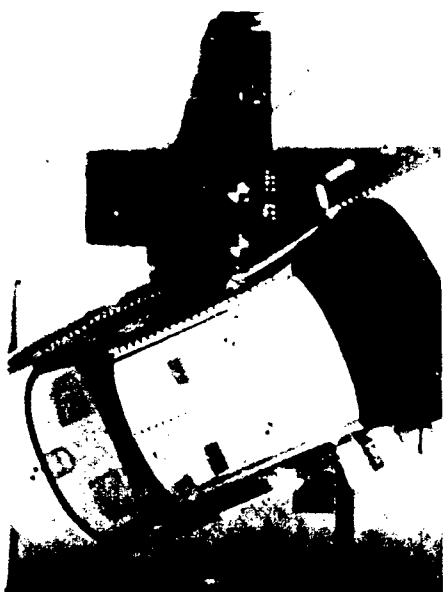
APPENDIX C. TEST PHOTOGRAPHS.



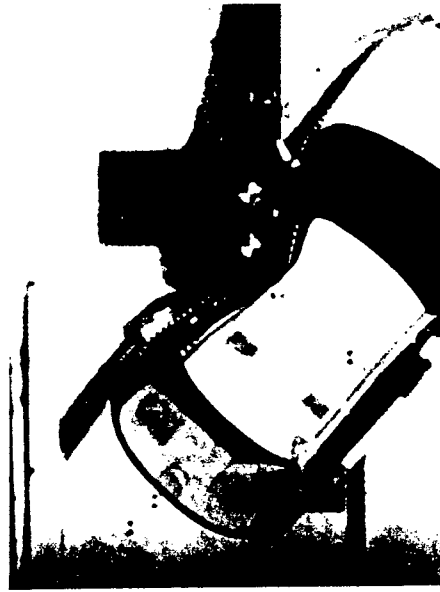
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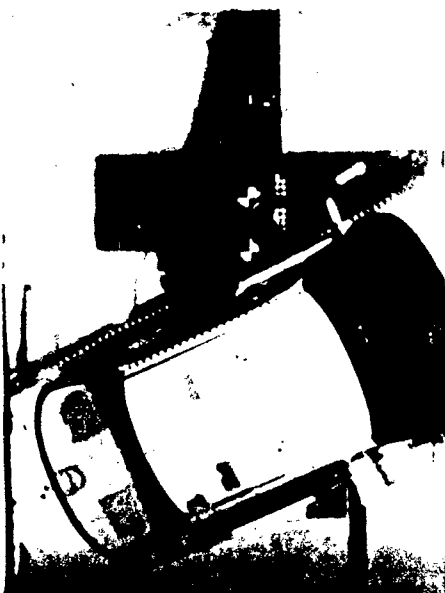
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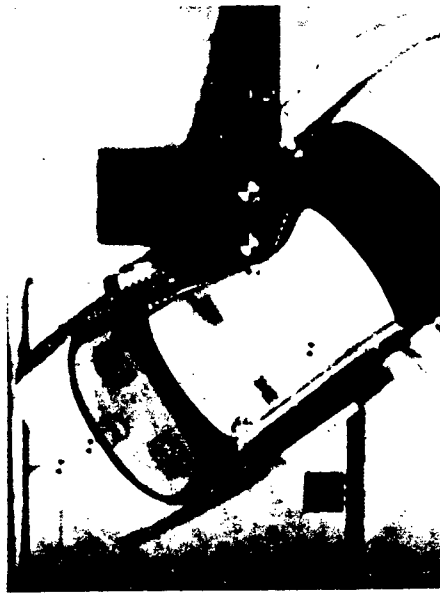
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Figure 36. Test photographs during impact, test 97S006.



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Figure 36. Test photographs during impact, test 97S006 (continued).

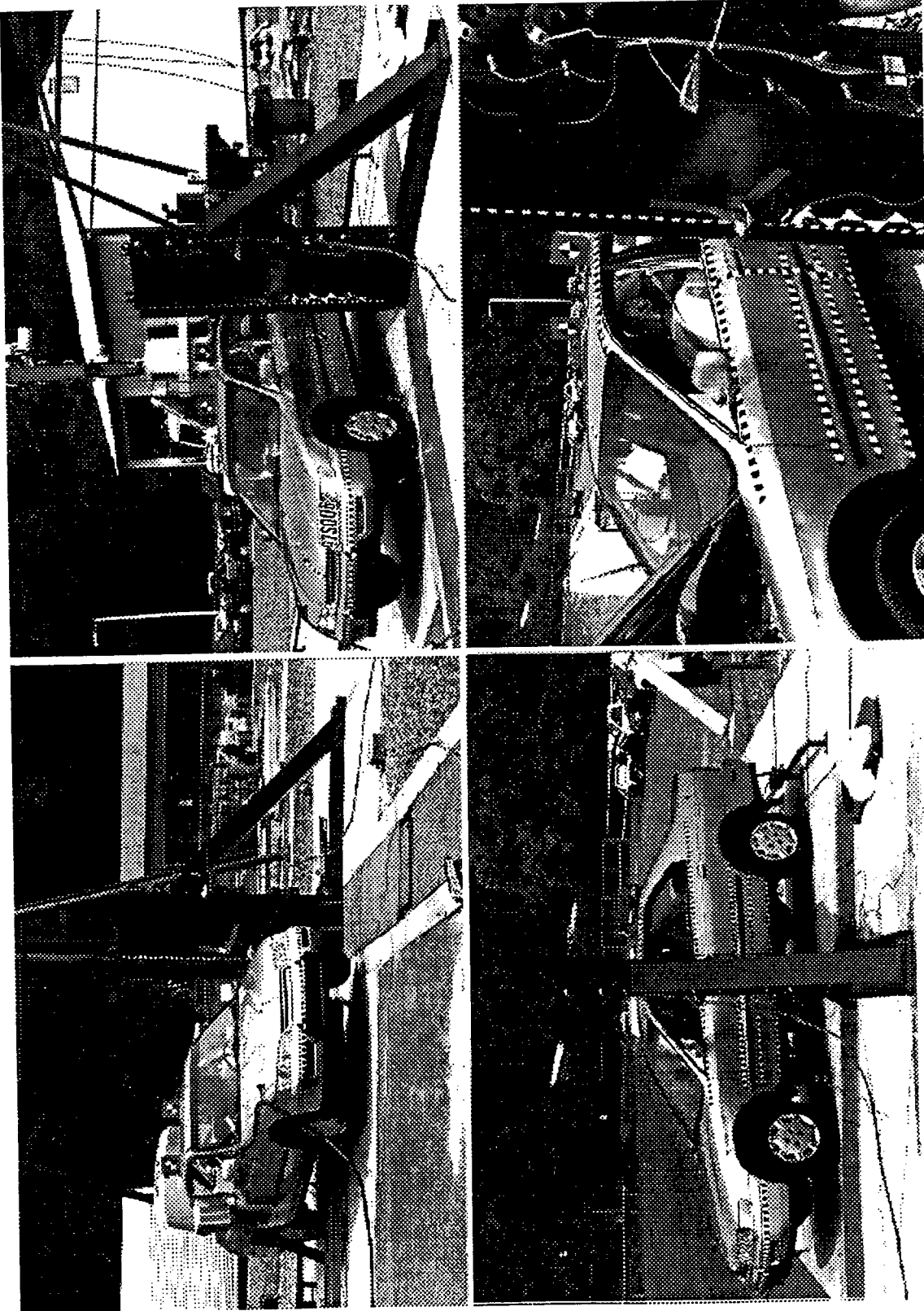


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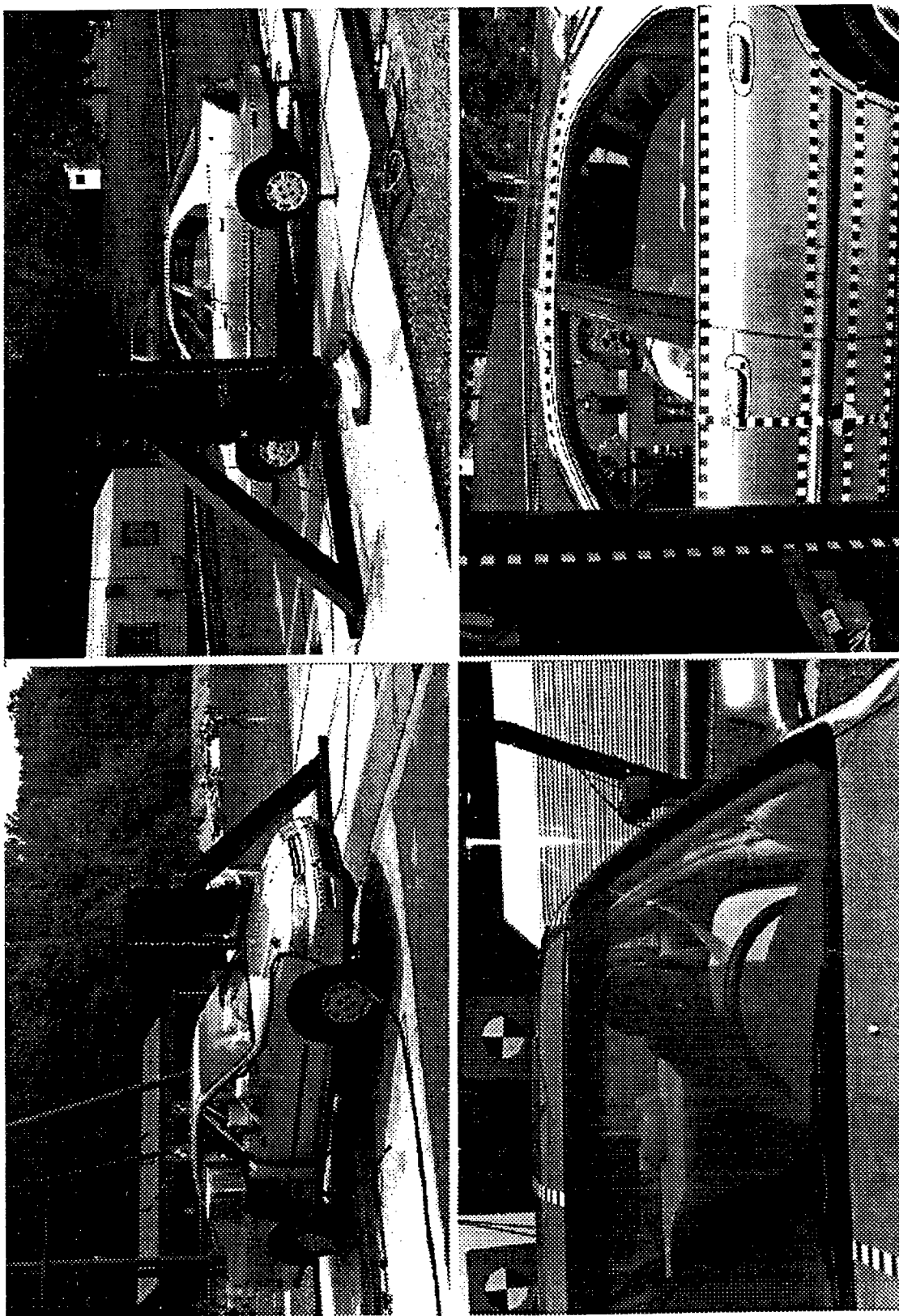


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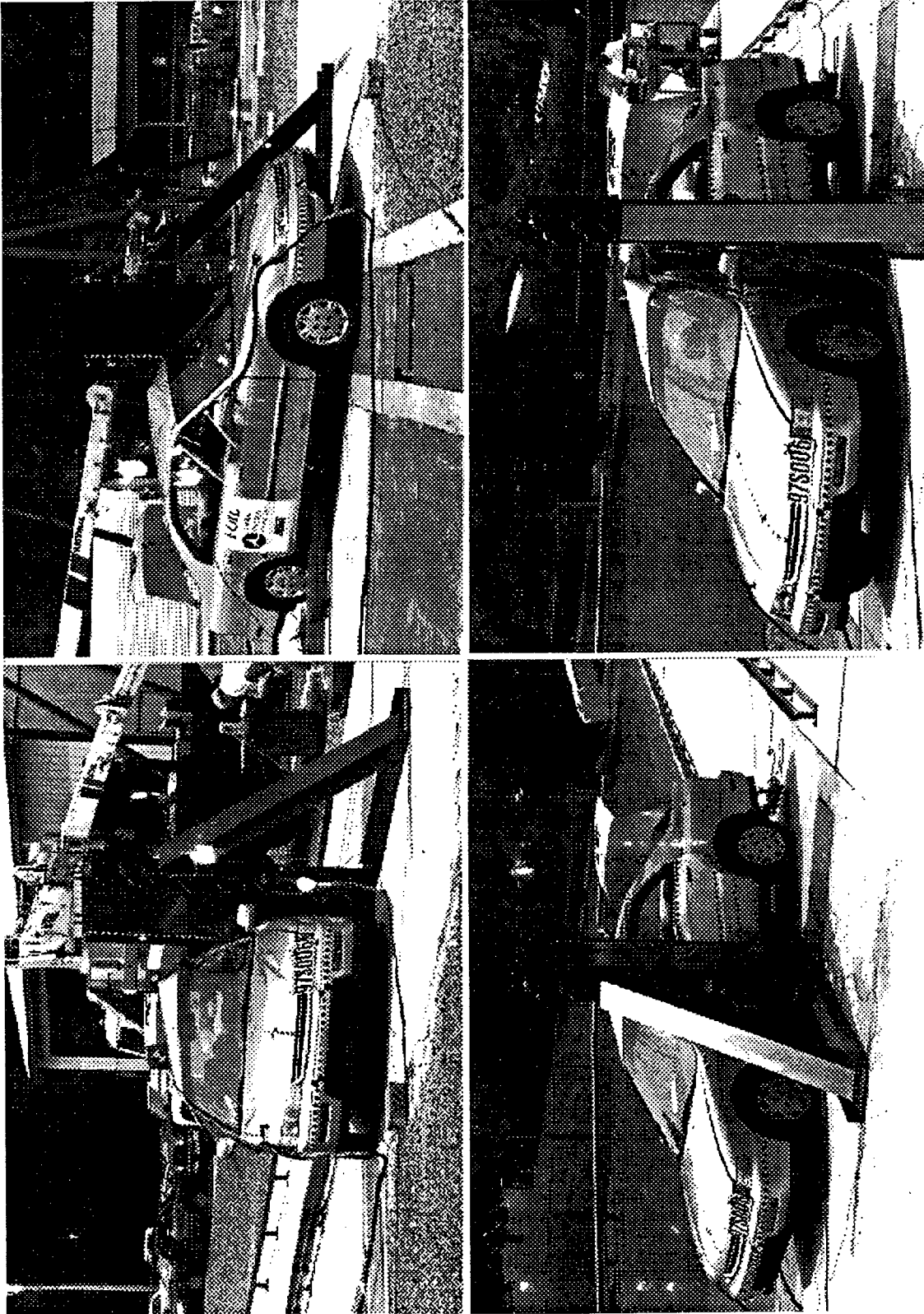


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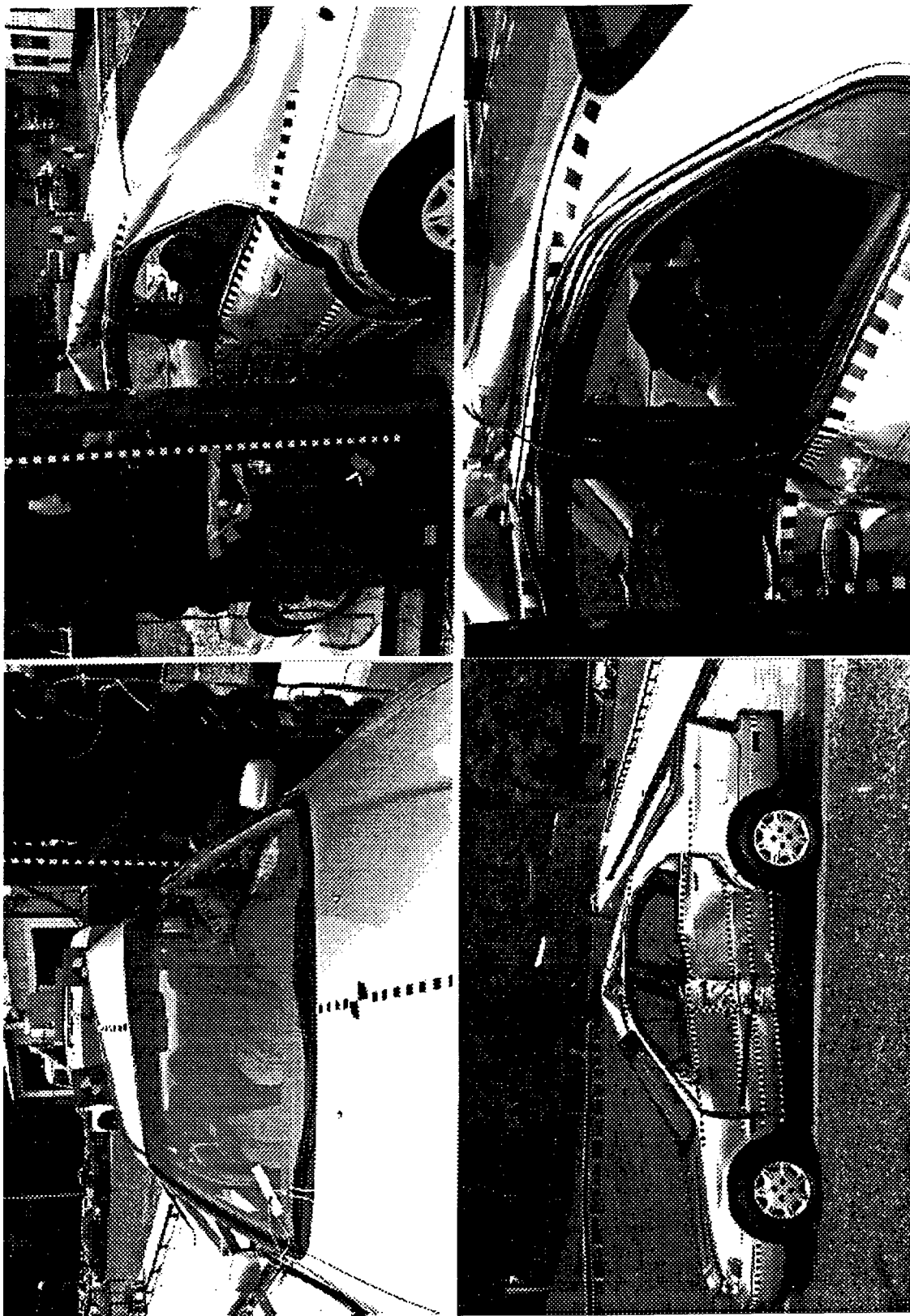


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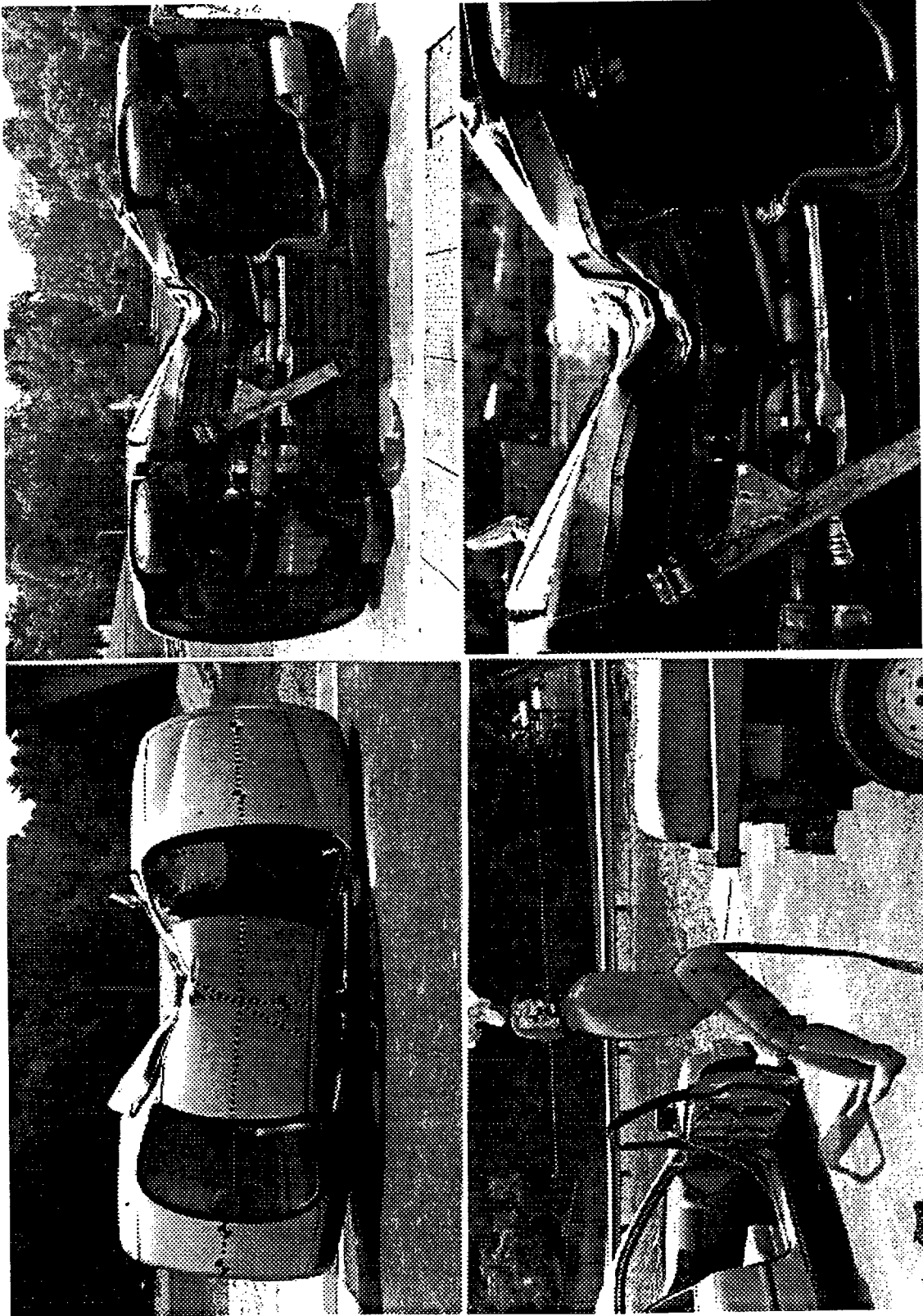


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APPENDIX D. DATA PLOTS FROM RIGID POLE LOAD CELLS.

Test No. 97S006  
Bottom face lower load cell

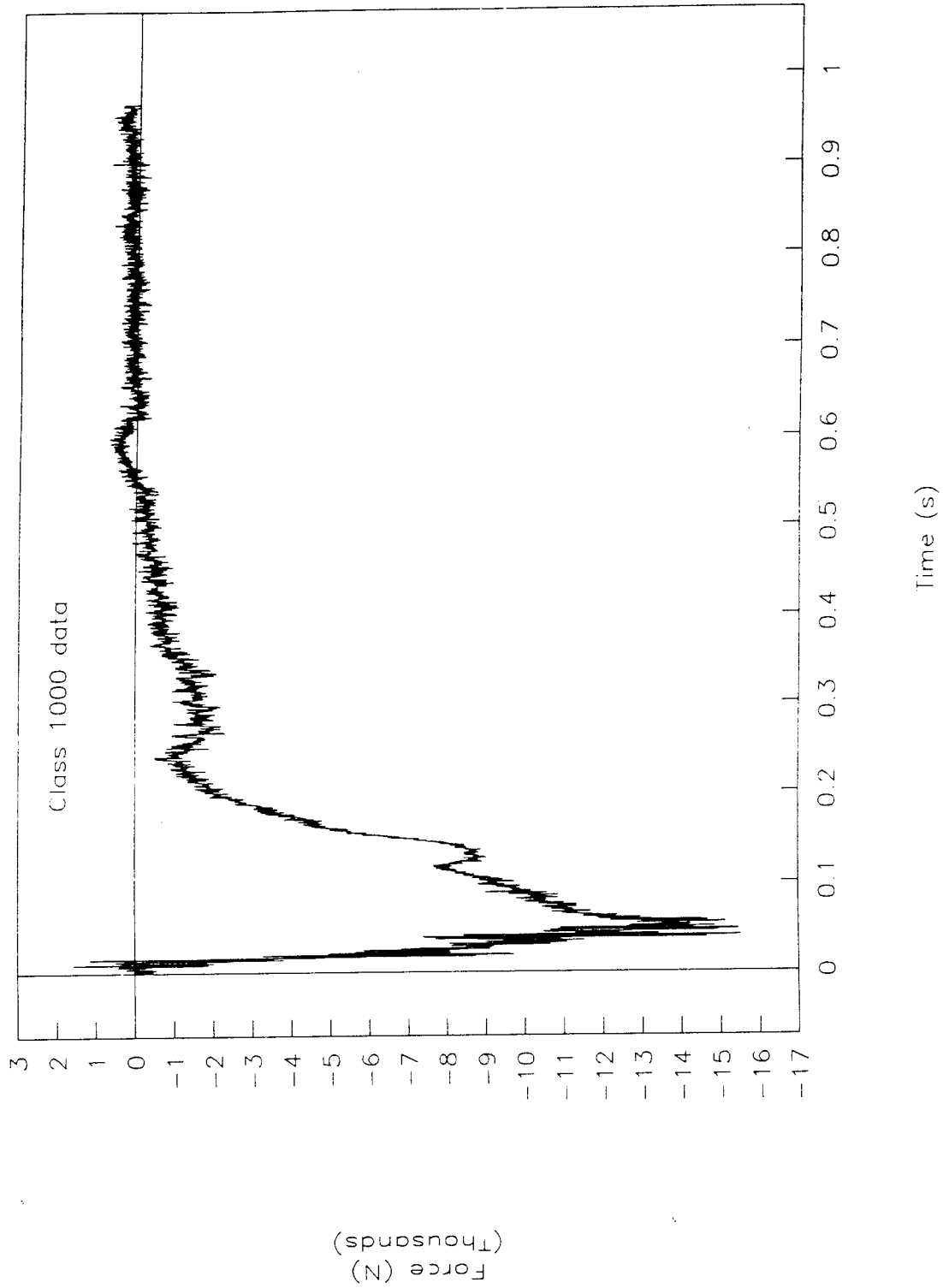


Figure 39. Rigid pole, force vs. time, bottom face lower load cell, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Bottom face upper load cell

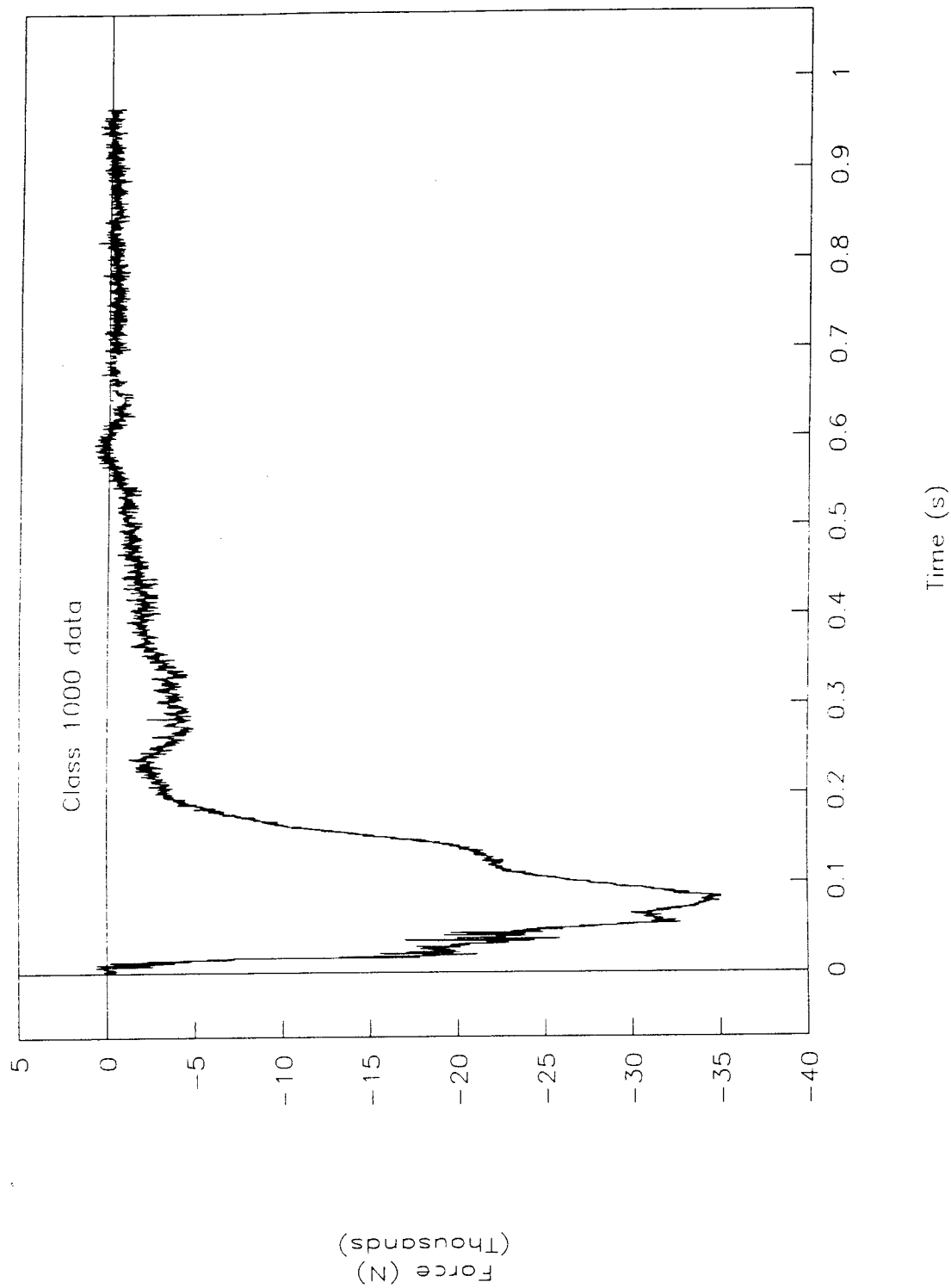


Figure 40. Rigid pole, force vs. time, bottom face upper load cell, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006  
lower-middle face lower load cell

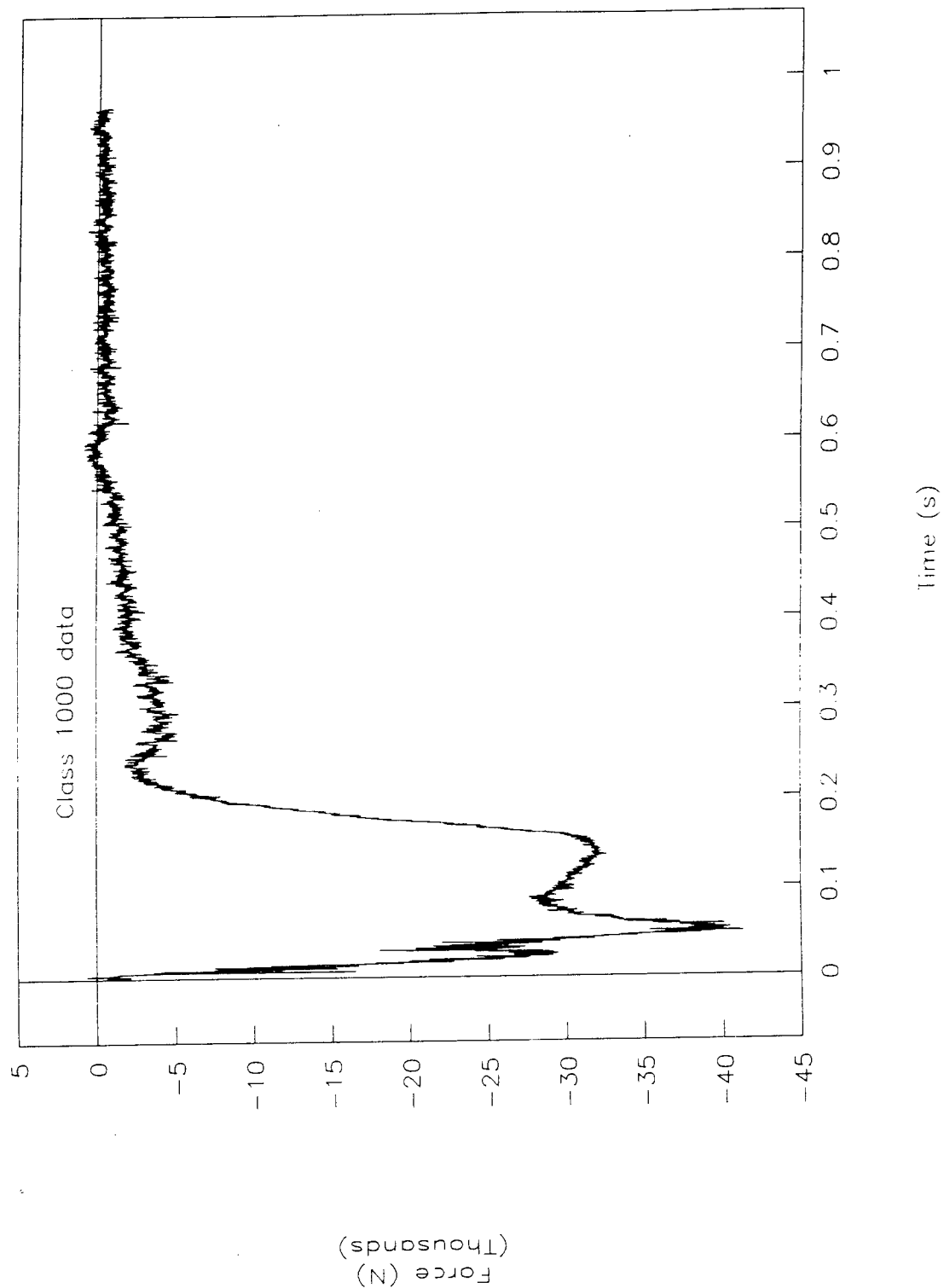


Figure 41. Rigid pole, force vs. time, lower-middle face lower load cell, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Lower-middle face upper load cell

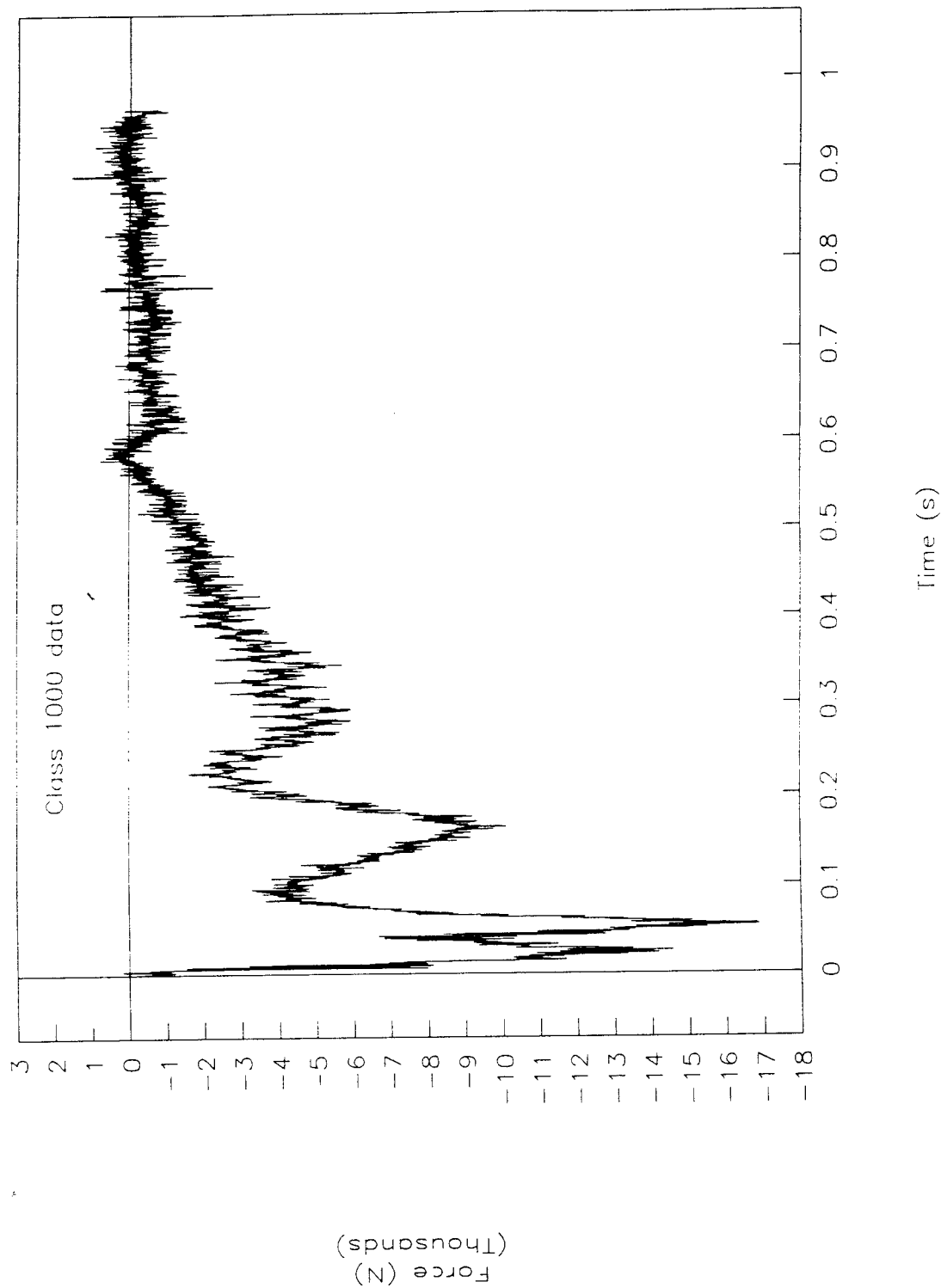


Figure 42. Rigid pole, force vs. time, lower-middle face upper load cell, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Upper-middle face lower load cell

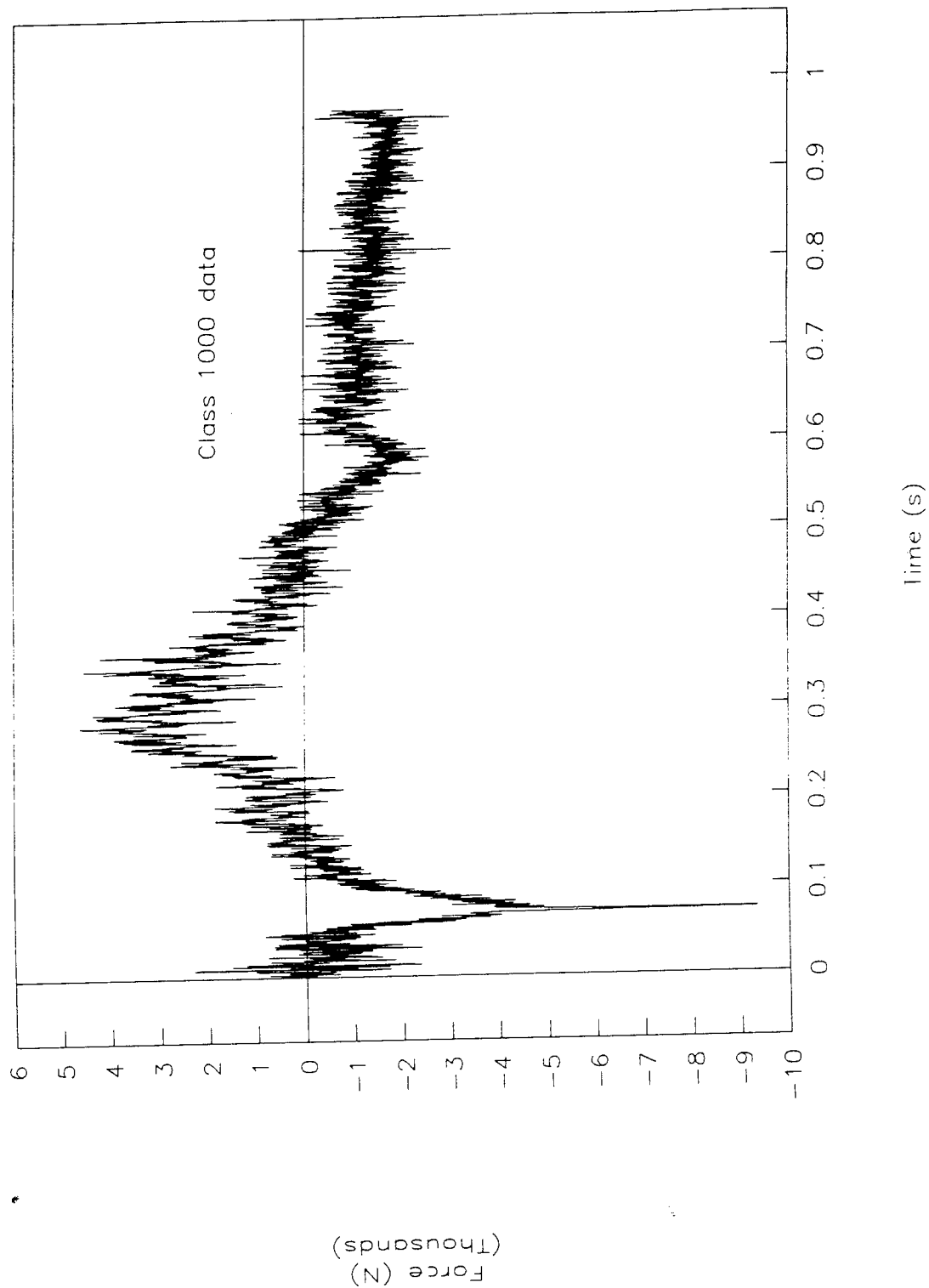


Figure 43. Rigid pole, force vs. time, upper-middle face lower load cell, test 97S006.

Test No. 97S006  
Upper-middle face upper load cell

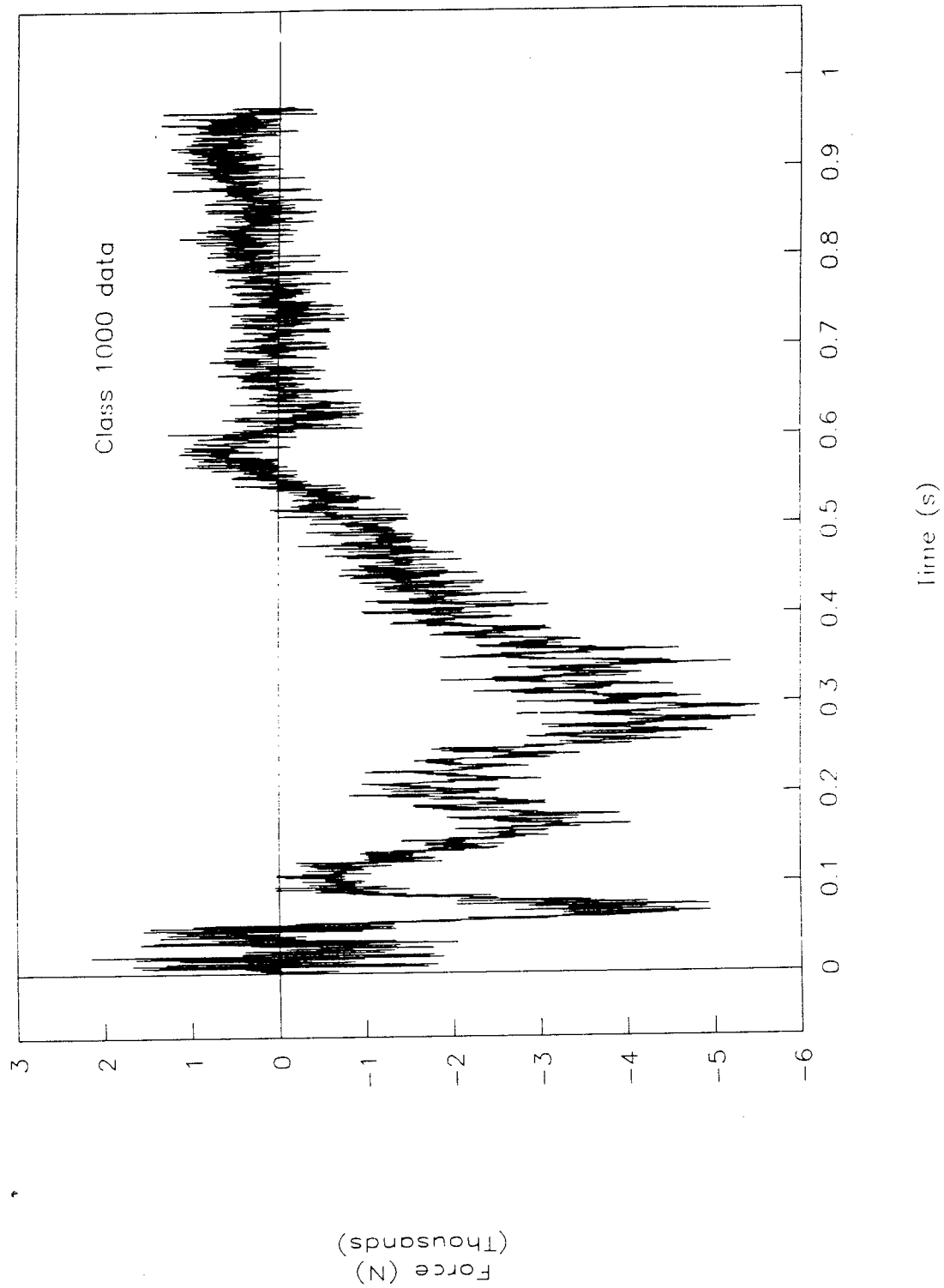


Figure 44. Rigid pole, force vs. time, upper-middle face upper load cell, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Upper face lower load cell

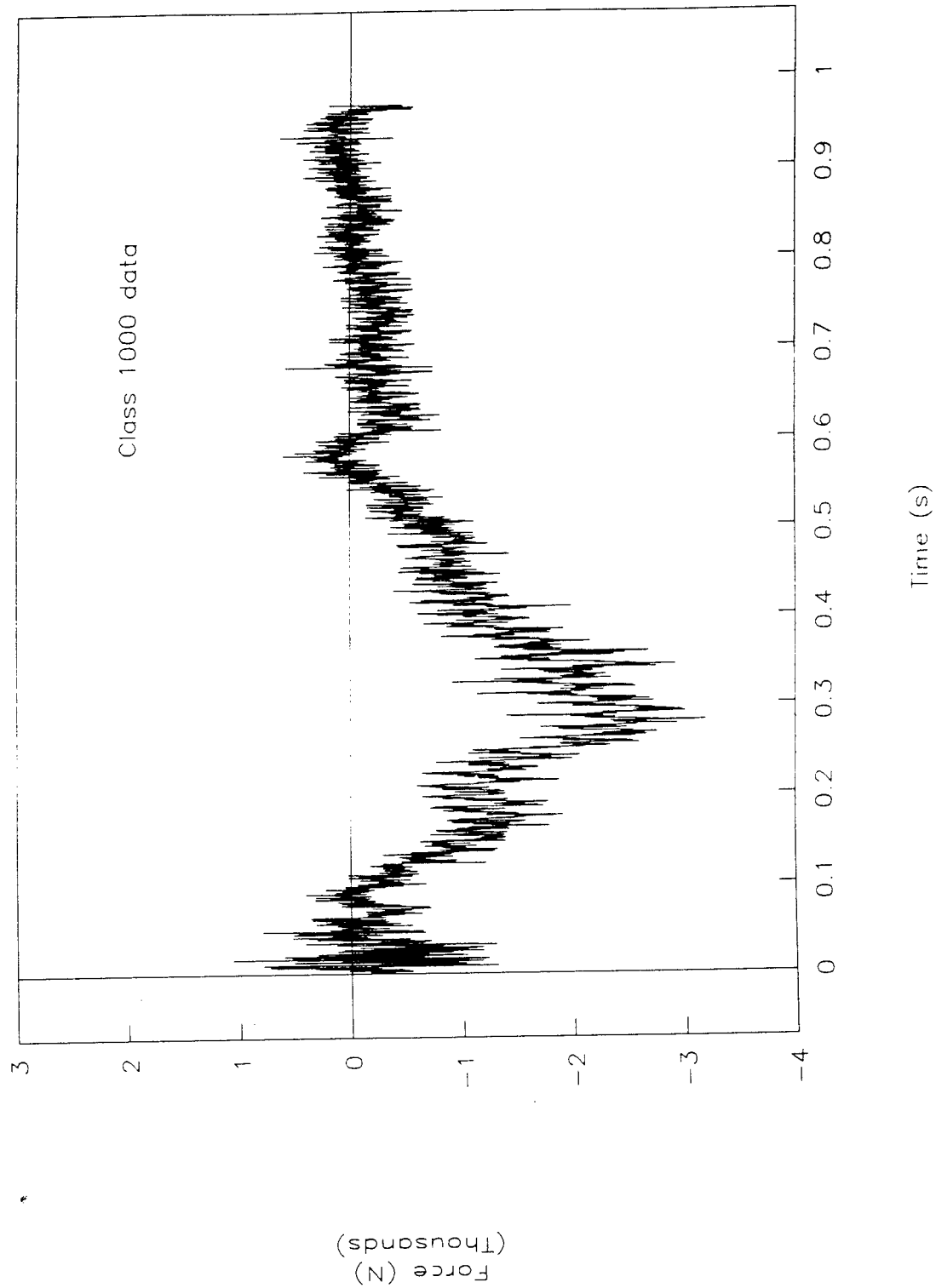


Figure 45. Rigid pole, force vs. time, upper face lower load cell, test 97S006.

# Test No. 97S006

Upper face upper load cell

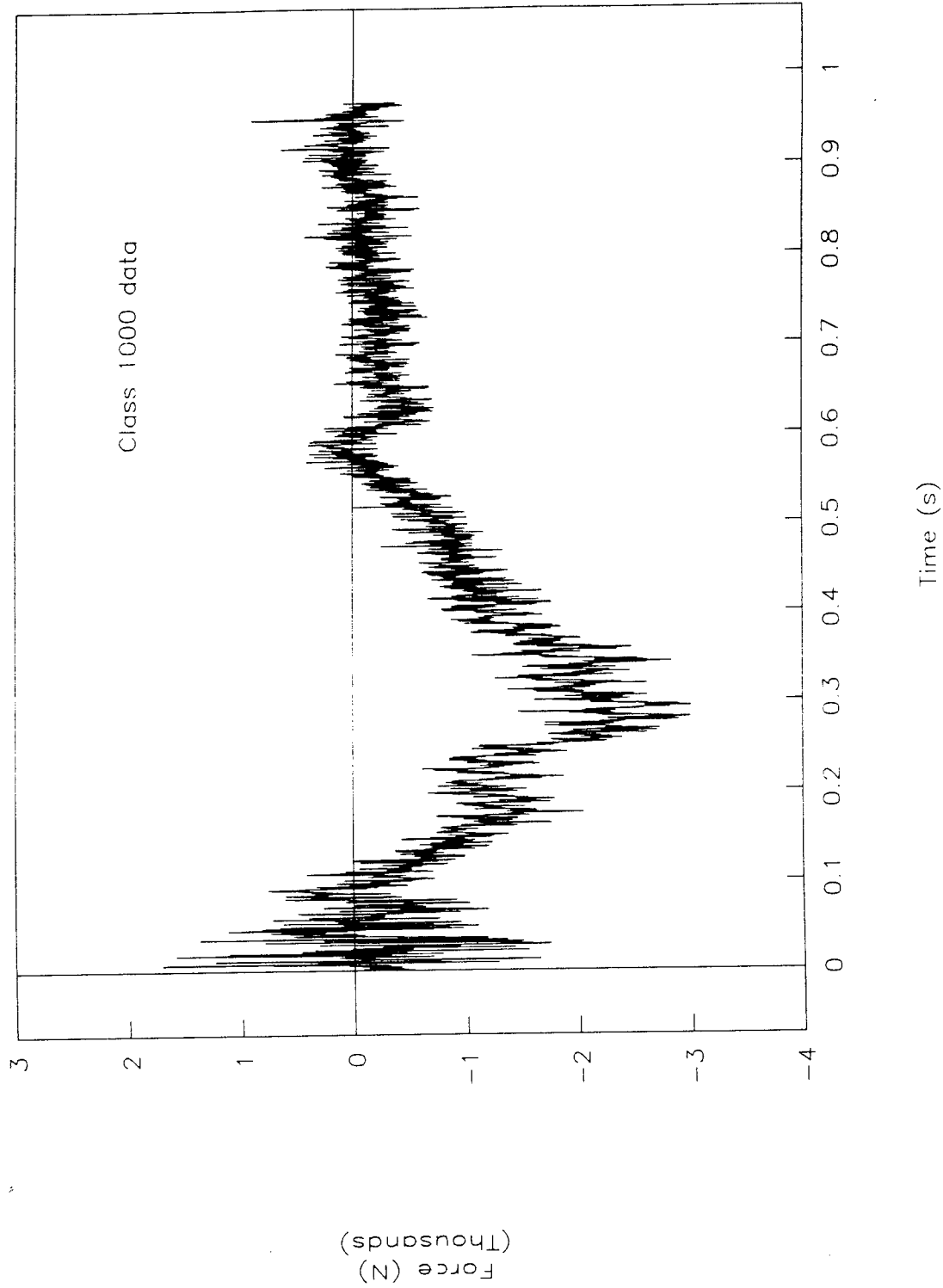


Figure 46. Rigid pole, force vs. time, upper face upper load cell, test 97S006.



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